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£82m cost of obesity feared for next year

OBESITY could cost Walsall around £82 million a year due to the expense of treating people who are overweight, it has emerged.

New figures have revealed the possible extent of the problem in Walsall by 2015 if action is not taken.

It follows research which was carried out into the "serious health consequences" of children and adults who are overweight. A report said: "Obesity is a very significant contributor to illness and premature death in the borough."

"Serious health consequences include Type II diabetes, cardiovascular disease, liver disease, musculoskeletal disorders such as osteoarthritis, and certain cancers."

"Without action, overweight and obesity-related diseases will cost NHS Walsall an estimated £82m per year by 2015."

However, steps are being taken to tackle weight and increase physical activity within the borough.

Between April and December last year, children's weight management programmes dealt with 341 children and their families, with 88 per cent either maintaining or reducing their body mass index.

The free swimming initiative also has 9,044 registered

Julie tells how she became the first victim of Morris



Attack - Julie Taylor

IT was a bitterly cold December evening, and eight-year-old Julie Taylor was walking back from a family party. She shouldn't have been out on her own at night, and her father had told her to stay at home but she was determined not to miss out.

It was a decision that almost cost her her life. Evil Raymond Morris, who would go on to be the Midlands' most notorious child killer, chose her as his first victim, luring her into his car before attacking her and leaving her for dead. Amazingly she survived, but the mental scars have not healed 50 years on. After Morris died last week aged 84, she has spoken about the night her life changed.

She is now a married mother of two, but wants to go by her maiden name because some members of her family know nothing about her brush with death. She came face-to-face with the killer on December 2, 1964 when she walked the short distance from her family's home in Barracks Lane, Blakenall, to the party. She recalled: "It was a cold Tuesday

evening and I went to my cousin's party although my dad had told me not to go. On my way home I saw a car parked about three doors away from our house."

"This bloke said 'hello' and said he was my Uncle Len. I did have an Uncle Len who I hadn't seen since I was five and my Mom had told me he was coming home for Christmas from the Army. It was a plausible story."

"The man said he would take me to my aunt's so I went in the car with him. As we were driving along he

struck up conversation and offered me sweets which were on the back seat, but I recall that I didn't like the one I ate and spat it out. I put it in my pocket," she said.

"Then he started asking about what I was wearing which I thought was odd. I realised then that he wasn't my uncle and that something wasn't right. I got agitated and tried to get out of the car." Julie blacked out but remembers a passer-by finding her in a terrible state.

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Traders may get given cut in rates

HALF-PRICE business rates could be offered to Walsall traders in a bid to bring hundreds of empty shops back into use.

The move aims to get more than 300 unoccupied retail premises in the borough back into use during the next 18 months.

Members of the council's decision-making Cabinet were also being asked this week to agree a business rate relief of up to £1,000 to all occupied retail properties with a value of £50,000 or less.

The plans are being put forward on the back of government guidelines and around 900 businesses around the borough could benefit from the steps from this April to March 2016.

They would apply wholly or mainly used as shops, restaurants, cafes and drinking establishments.

The moves to offer a business rate relief of up to 50 per cent to reoccupy empty buildings would be for premises that have been unused for a year or more.

Karl Dipple, head of revenues, said: "Estimates show 900 businesses could benefit from the retail relief across Walsall from April 2014. There are currently 327 empty retail premises across Walsall that could be subject to the reoccupation relief."

More talks over scheme

COUNCIL chiefs will hold more talks with the developers of a proposed £1.5 million giant warehouse in Walsall in a bid to resolve a wrangle over food sales.

Walsall Council planning committee agreed to defer a decision over the JTF outlet that would sell bulk discount goods by re-opening a derelict site at the Bescot Retail Park. If it goes ahead the venture would bring 20 full and 40 part time posts, JTF planning consultation Jonathan Best said.

BABIES SCANDAL HOSPITAL SORRY

by Laura Blyth

AN administration error that led to Walsall Manor Hospital keeping hold of the remains of almost 90 unborn babies for up to four years when they should have been sent to be cremated within months has been described as 'astonishing'.

The scandal came to light following an internal review.

Bosses at the hospital have apologised and a full independent investigation has been launched.

But Walsall Council's cabinet member for public health, Councillor Zahid Ali, said on Tuesday: "If the hospital has blamed this all on an administrative error then I find that astonishing."

"It's important there is an independent review. In future they must review all the processes to make sure this does not happen again."

But he added the people of Walsall should not lose faith in the hospital adding: "This clearly is going to have an affect on a lot of people. The hospital needs to take steps so that the confidence in Walsall Manor Hospital continues to be what it was."

It has emerged there were 86 occasions



Walsall Manor Hospital - where foetal remains were kept for up to four years without parents being informed, a review has revealed

where remains from miscarriages or terminations were kept for longer than they should have been.

After advice from clinicians, the trust chaplaincy and relevant charities, hospital bosses have decided to only contact five women, where records indicate they would want to be informed, rather than cause 'widespread distress' to others.

Hotline

Two of the cases date back to 2010, a further two in 2011, a total of 30 in 2012 and then 52 up to December 2013.

Around 700 foetal remains are kept at Walsall Manor every year until the appropriate paperwork has been completed. The hospital said it then 'appropriately disposes'

of foetal remains through the crematorium in line with 'usual processes'.

A dedicated hotline has also been set up for anyone with concerns on 0345 835 7626.

Such remains are usually stored in the hospital's mortuary for between one and three months. Then in the vast majority of occasions they are sent to be cremated.

However, an error in getting documents signed off to allow this to happen led to the foetal remains in these cases being kept for up to four years.

In 73 cases they belonged to foetuses under 12 weeks with the remaining 13 being under 21 weeks.

Trust chief executive Richard Kirby said: "It is clear that in some cases the trust has kept remains following terminations and

miscarriages for longer than we should have done."

"I would like to apologise to each and every patient who has been affected by this and would like to reassure anyone who might be using our services now or in the future of our dedication in ensuring that this situation does not arise again."

Results

"We are confident we have contacted everyone we need to in relation to this issue."

Mr Kirby said the results of the independent review are expected at the end of April. The hospital said it will 'appropriately dispose' of the foetal remains through the crematorium in line with 'usual processes'.

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Jail on hold for car insurance con trio

TWO women and a man who conspired together in a bid to commit a car insurance con with one of them claiming their BMW had been stolen have avoided immediate jail terms.

Leanne Griffiths, of Walsall, made a false claim after reporting her car stolen from Sandwell Valley Country Park on April 10 last year to avoid paying a hefty repair bill

to get the faulty car fixed, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard. The court was told she stood to benefit from around £3,000, but the car was later found at a farm in Stafford.

Couple Kelly Turton, aged 31, and Steve Beckles, 35, both of Valley Road, Hamstead, Birmingham, also appeared at court last Tuesday for being part of the conspiracy.

Mr Geoffrey Dann, prosecuting,

said 34-year-old Griffiths, of Forrest Road, had told police the three had driven to Sandwell Valley Country Park and she had left her car to go for a walk, but when she returned it was gone.

He said she gave the value of the car as £6,000, but the insurance company was only likely to have paid out around £3,000. Turton also made a statement to the po-

lice about the alleged stolen vehicle while her partner Beckles had been present.

All three defendants pleaded guilty to conspiring to commit fraud by false representation. Judge Michael Dudley gave each of them a 12-week prison sentence, suspended by 12 months, and a two-month curfew from 7pm to 7am, and an order to pay an £80 victim surcharge.

People power wins as homes approved

A REGENERATION project which will see part of Walsall transformed with around 400 new homes has been given the go-ahead, and an open space has been saved.

The long-awaited scheme will see 243 homes off Keats Road, Harden, in the first phase of a multi-million pound rebuilding scheme. Another 134 homes are planned for between Chaucer Road and Shakespeare Crescent.

All sewn up for liver unit cash boost

STUDENTS have helped raise £200 towards a liver transplant unit at a hospital.

Learners who are studying sewing and dressmaking at Walsall Adult and Community College (WACC) helped collect the cash for Birmingham Queen Elizabeth hospital.

The money was raised through a raffle organised by learners with participants paying 50p per ticket in hope of winning a prize.

Meanwhile, college tutor Margaret Hollowood, who supports learners on the sewing and dressmaking course, explained: "I'm really proud of our learners who have taken the time and the effort to organise a raffle every year to raise money that will make a difference to people's lives."

"Some of our learners have had illnesses such as cancer, hip and knee replacements and heart problems."

"And because of this, they understand the importance of donating money that will be used to develop new technologies to help those who are unwell."

"We hope the money we have raised not only helps patients who need treatment, but also benefits their families too."

And 25 homes are earmarked for the top of Shakespeare Crescent, near Well Lane on the Poets' estate.

When first unveiled, the scheme also included plans to build 240 homes on green belt land, known as the Lea.

But the proposals have since been dropped after residents objected.

An application has now been approved at a meeting of Walsall Council's planning committee.

Councillor Garry Perry said: "Everyone will recall that the intention had been to include the Lea, but residents were unhappy with that part of it."

"We have listened to the residents, and that plan was changed in support of the community's views. Residents have been supportive of the application."

"The scheme is for a mix of affordable and social housing and we have an altogether positive application that will kick-start the rebuilding work in that area."

The Lea will be kept as open space. Bosses at Walsall Housing Group said a scheme could be submitted to build on Goscote estate.

Blakenall councillor Pete Smith said many people who had lived on the Poets and Goscote estates which were both knocked down did not want to move out of their homes in the first place.

He launched a campaign with residents for affordable homes for rent to be rebuilt and for The Lea to be retained. "This is great news and long overdue," he said.

Howzat! Getting ready for play



Anthony Harris with Palfrey Junior School pupils Tahmida Begum and Maria Tabassum

BALL games will return to once-contaminated Walsall playing fields after a decade.

Football is due to come back to Broadway West Playing Fields in September.

Cricket is then expected to be back from the 2015/16 season after a £400,000 project to get the land suitable for use. An archery taster session was held at the site, off the Broadway, on Saturday to help show the site is becoming a source of sport again.

Organised sport was stopped on the seven acre site just over a decade ago when

soil tests revealed the presence of heavy metals. Walsall Council has installed of an engineering cap and new top soil to eliminate the any health risk. Work to create three football pitches and a cricket square, which needs more specialist attention, will take longer to bed in. A further £75,000 has been earmarked to improve changing provision and a Broadway West Playing Fields forum has also been set up.

Leisure chief councillor Anthony Harris said: "An end is in sight for the work."

Reprieve for youth group set for move

A YOUTH centre whose building was earmarked for closure in the coming weeks will remain at the site as a new location has still not been found, it was revealed today.

Aldridge Manor House, which has been the village youth club for 50 years, was due to close at the end of March as part of council cuts.

But despite the decision being taken two years ago, council officers are yet to find a replacement site.

Bosses said the centre could remain there while they try to secure a new site. They insist locations are being considered.

Walsall Council wants to sell the Grade II listed building for around £1million.

The authority says it still wants to run a youth club in the village but is still to find an appropriate site.

Around 30 angry residents attended a meeting at the Little Aston Road site last year to discuss the proposals. But they left fuming as their pleas to retain the Manor House were rebuffed.

The council's Integrated Young People's Support Service (IYPSS) has said it is committed to providing services for young people from a permanent base.

Market plan put on view

SHOWCASE plans for Walsall Market will go on display at a public exhibition this Friday and Saturday.

A feasibility study was launched and Walsall Council regeneration chiefs have earmarked The Bridge as its preferred location.

A consultation on the proposals is taking place and members of the public will have the opportunity to comment and view the design layout at The New Art Gallery, Walsall. Regeneration chief, councillor Adrian Andrew, said the council was committed to finding a permanent base.

New store plan

THE Co-op plans to relocate its small convenience store, in Walsall Wood Road, Aldridge to a larger unit at the site of the former Cedar Tree pub opposite. Existing staff will transfer to the new store, and it is expected that around eight other jobs will be created.

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Exercise is on the up, pledge by borough

HEALTH bosses have insisted that the number of people doing regular exercise in Walsall has increased - despite new figures revealing obesity could cost the town £82 million a year by 2015.

It follows research which was carried out into the 'serious health consequences' of children and adults who are overweight.

But chiefs say there is evidence that more people are taking up exercise and they hope the problem will not be as bad as predicted.

Sport England's recent Active People survey shows the number of adults taking part in three blocks of 30 minutes exercise per week has increased from 16 to 22 per cent of the population between 2006 and 2013.

The number of people taking part in no exercise has reduced by 7.9 per cent, or 15,800 adults, since 2006. This includes 2.5 per cent, 5,000 adults, in the last year.

Councillor Zahid Ali said the authority was addressing the problem with exercise initiatives and gym discount schemes. He said: "There is a particular problem with our Year 6 children where obesity rates are one of the worst in the West Midlands."

Child safety checks due

FREE child seat safety checks will be carried out in the Black Country.

Firefighters are working alongside the Walsall Road Safety Partnership to carry out checks.

The next one will take place outside Tesco in Littleton Street West on April 9 between 9.30am and 3pm.

Station Commander Dave Hilton said: "We're really pleased to be supporting these events."

"Eight firefighters will also get vital refresher training about child car seats, thanks to funding from the Partnership."

Inspiring talk

MORE than 100 people attended a ceremony with an inspirational speech from former Ofsted inspector Nina Julka. Learners from English for Speakers of Other Languages at Walsall Adult and Community College attended the event at Palfrey Church.

Benn portrait one of my best says artist



Tony Benn with the portrait and Andrew Tift

A PICTURE is worth a thousand words. And given Tony Benn liked to wax lyrical, this one must be worth a million.

Standing nearly 6ft tall, this portrait by Walsall artist Andrew Tift is one of the most popular that hangs in the House of Commons.

It was painted in 1998, when Mr Tift was living in Great Wyrley.

The artist joined the legions of people paying tribute to the veteran left winger and former minister, who has died aged 88.

When the former Tory MP for South Staffordshire Lord Cormack was chairman

of Parliament's works of art committee he arranged for artist Andrew Tift, then based in Great Wyrley but now living in Highgate, Walsall, to paint Tony Benn.

The image of Mr Benn, in a chair, smoking a pipe, painted in 1998, is an iconic and enduring one of the man who would leave Parliament to 'devote more time to politics'.

Mr Tift, aged 45, met Mr Benn again last year to be interviewed by Tony Benn's son Hilary about the painting.

A past winner of the BP Portrait Award said: "It's still one of my best ones and one of the ones that's most fondly remembered."

Tony Benn has become such an important national figure. It's not just me, it's who Tony is. The one I get asked most about is this."

He revealed how the painting had taken four sittings and almost a year to produce.

"It was great to meet him," he said. "He was a national treasure. And he was always very nice to me. He wasn't the sort of person that would just be polite and give lip service, he was a genuine people person."

Last year Tony Benn said of his painting: "I've got copies of it at home. I have a great feeling of affection for it."

Probe is launched over ID theft of pregnant woman

AN INVESTIGATION is under way after a pregnant woman whose children had been taken into care stole another patient's identity to give birth.

It is believed the woman hid her true name from Walsall Manor Hospital so she would not have to give up her fourth child.

Business challenge for pupils

MORE than 200 primary school pupils took part in an enterprise challenge which saw them come up with new business ideas.

Aldridge School, in Tynings Lane, hosts the Aldridge Primary School Challenge every year for year five pupils from neighbouring junior schools.

Students are invited to the Walsall school over two days and are paired up with Aldridge pupils to form mini-enterprise groups.

Each group has to come up with a new business idea and then present it to a team of judges made up of business leaders from the local community. Among the schools taking part were Whetstone Field Primary in Aldridge and Cooper and Jordan Primary, also in Aldridge, who came up with winning business ideas.

Lorenzo Cosco, from Education Business Services, which organised the two-day challenge, said: "I am always staggered at the ideas and presentations these young people make even Sir Alan Sugar would be impressed."

Security has now been tightened at the hospital.

Kay Costin only found out her identity had been stolen when she received a letter congratulating her on the birth of her child while she was still pregnant.

The hospital launched a probe into what had happened in August.

Mrs Costin, aged 24, from Wednesbury, eventually gave birth to her daughter Brea in October - two weeks later than her due date after having an emergency Caesarean which she believes may have been triggered by the stress.

Along with husband Michael, aged 29, they had been stunned to get the letter congratulating them of the birth before it had even happened. They soon spoke to the midwife who said a Mrs Costin had a baby at Walsall Manor. This was even though the real Mrs Costin was not even due to go to that hospital.

The laundry operator said: "I was scared because I thought someone was following me," she said.

Richard Kirby, chief Executive at Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, said: "The incident which occurred in summer 2013 related to an identity theft by an individual using our maternity service. This resulted in a serious incident investigation both internally and across a multi-agency network."

Fond farewell to fertility expert Vicki



Vicki, front left, with Beth Elton, and Barney and Toby. Back Lynsey and George Bissell; Connie and Jill Anthony-Ackery

SHE has helped to bring joy to the parents of almost 1,000 babies by performing crucial IVF treatment - but now specialist fertility nurse Vicki Robinson is saying a fond farewell to her patients and colleagues.

After 18 years of being part of the miracle of life at Midland Fertility Services, she is taking early retirement.

And to help send her on her way, she was joined by four children whose parents she helped to treat - with

the mother of each being a former colleague. They were George Bissell, aged one, of Stafford, Toby and Barney Elton, aged four, of Sutton Coldfield, and Connie Anthony-Ackery, aged 11, of Ledbury, in Herefordshire.

Mrs Robinson, 47, of Four Oaks, Aldridge, said: "Midland Fertility has been a wonderful place to work. 'I will miss both staff and patients enormously but look forward to hearing about the continued success for both the centre and the patients.'

She now plans to go travelling. She joined the centre based in Aldridge in 1996 where she developed her ultrasound scanning skills and was soon able to perform both IVF egg collections and embryo transfers - a role usually carried out by doctors to this day.

Mrs Robinson, aged 47, was promoted to the role of nurse manager in 1999, but after seven years she decided concentrate on egg collections instead.

NEWS in brief

Hooty's revamp gets green light

THE planned revamp of a former discount superstore which is being taken over by a home furnishings chain has been approved.

Hooty's, which closed in December will be taken over by The Range, securing the future of around 100 jobs. The store at Longacres Industrial Estate, Rose Hill, is due to be opened on April 11 by Laurence Llewellyn Bowen.

The plans for new entrances, signs and security bollards went before planners last Thursday.

Missing boy, 12, is safe and well

A 12-YEAR-OLD boy who went missing for five days after failing to come home from school has been found safe and well, police have said.

Jaspreet Khun Khun from Park Hall, Walsall, was reported missing to police shortly before 6pm on Wednesday March 5. The Aldridge School pupil was found at a family address in Southampton last Monday.

Det Con Joanne Myatt-Jones said Jaspreet was found in Hampshire.

Eureka, it's a concert date

THE Eureka Machines will be performing at a concert in the Black Country later this month. It is being held at the Goldmine Centre, Lower Hall Lane, Walsall, on March 29 from 7pm.

The event is organised by the Eerie Ink Tattoo Studio and costs £5 in advance of £6 on the door. For more information visit the visit the www.eerieink.co.uk website or call 01922 620655.

Brownies to take over village for

MORE than 100 Brownies will be taking over a village to mark the organisation's 100th birthday.

The Brownies section of the Girlguiding charity is celebrating its centenary year in 2014.

The 1st Longdon Brownies has organised the 24 Hours Village Take Over in Longdon, near Rugeley.

There will be games,

Princess show

TICKETS are on sale for a new production, The Heartless Princess is being staged at Aldridge Youth Theatre from April 3 to 5. Performances start at 7.30pm. Call 01922 458615 to book.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



AFTER this week's suggestion of a super-city to be called Greater Birmingham, there was outrage further west and even a demand for it to be called Greater Black Country. The only fair way forward is to find the exact centre of the proposed city and take that as the name. After much measuring on the map I have it. Greater Pleck.

SHERYL Sandberg, the Facebook chief executive and **Anna Maria Chavez**, the head of American Girl Scouts, are heading a campaign to ban the word "bossy" on the grounds that being called bossy undermines the confidence of girls. What a pair of bossyboots.

IN LIFE, unspeakable. In death, unimpeachable. A shame some of the nice things said about Bob Crow since his death were not said before. Two things made me like him. Firstly, I always admire people who speak up for others. Secondly, I never use the Tube.

ED Miliband says a Labour government would not hold a referendum on membership of the EU unless Britain is asked to transfer more powers to Brussels. Imagine the fun the lawyers could have defining "powers," "asked," "transfer" and "to Brussels." What Miliband really means is that the British people will never be allowed to pull out. Which, to be fair, is much the same as David Cameron means. The net result of Cameron and Miliband's EU dithering will be a landslide for Ukip in the EU elections in May. It's that opportunity we humble voters get every five years to thumb our noses at the big political parties with that wonderful line from **Romeo and Juliet**: a plague on both your houses.

HOW could the crisis-hit Co-Op Bank, having discovered a £1.5 billion black hole in its accounts, even consider awarding its new (and now resigned) boss a £3.6 million package? Simple. All it requires is an understanding of bankonomics, a black art which should not be confused with economics or anything resembling sound budgeting. Bankonomics dictates that when a bank makes a huge profit it clearly has to reward its senior staff, so it's massive bonuses all round. Bankonomics also dictates that when a bank makes a huge loss, it clearly has to attract better staff. So it's massive bonuses all round.

HAROLD Macmillan was once asked by a journalist what he most feared in politics and replied: "Events, dear boy, events." Events certainly overtook **Evan Davis's** programmes, *Mind the Gap* (BBC2), examining the gulf between London and the rest of Britain. No study of London is complete without mentioning the curious fact that the massive influx of the global super-rich now influences UK foreign policy. How could Britain seriously intervene in **Vladimir Putin's** Crimean adventure when **Vlad's** pals might respond by taking themselves and their billions out of London, precipitating the biggest property crash in history? Dollars and roubles, dear boy. Dollars and roubles.

I CAN understand some New Zealanders wanting to change their national flag on the grounds that it is too much like the Australian flag and, with its Union Jack, has echoes of colonialism. I can understand, too, the desire to replace it with the fern leaf, the proud symbol of New Zealand. But a fern leaf on a black background? Black is the colour of mourning and black flags are associated with pirates and Muslim extremists. The black flag with a fern leaf would be perfect for the Auckland branch of al Qaeda.

AT a trade fair in Hanover, **David Cameron** looks forward to a new industrial revolution when billions of everyday objects such as fridges will be able to "talk to each other" over the internet. That's right, Prime Minister. And at night the toys all come to life and dance around the nursery. Perhaps it's time for a nice lie-down...

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Baby found safe and father arrested

A BABY taken by her father after an argument with his partner has been found safe and well.

Stuart Adams, aged 30, left his partner's home in Walsall with nine-week-old **Lana-Mai** in unexplained circumstances in the early hours of Monday morning.

The infant was found at an address in **Pleck**, Walsall, Monday afternoon and taken to hospital for

checks. She was handed to police on the same street from which she went missing 14 hours earlier.

Mr Adams was arrested in Walsall following a short chase on foot. He was arrested on suspicion of assault and abduction. Chief Supt **Dave Sturman**, commander of Walsall, said: "I am relieved and pleased to be able to say that **Lana-Mai** is safe and well. She has been taken

to hospital as a precaution to be checked over.

"We would like to thank the people of Walsall and beyond for their help in this fast moving enquiry."

Police were called to 'a domestic incident' in **Prince Street, Pleck**, at around 2.20am. "There had been a bit of an argument," Mr Sturman said. Officers spent Monday carrying out searches of several

addresses known to Mr Adams but failed to find either him or the child.

On Monday night residents spoke of their relief. One man, who did not want to be named, said: "I think everyone is just glad she was found. You hear terrible stories so when I heard she was missing I was worried, Thank God she's okay."

Mr Adams was being questioned by police on Tuesday.

Brass band to feature at event for Rosie

A BRASS band will perform a concert to raise money for a charity set up in memory of a schoolgirl who was fatally stabbed.

West Midlands Police Brass Band will stage the concert at **Aldridge Youth Theatre**, in **Noddy Park Road**, on April 12 in aid of **Rosie's Helping Hands**.

Karen Ross, founder of **Rosie's Helping Hands**, said: "This is the first time we have organised a concert and are delighted that West Midlands Police Band have kindly agreed to perform and to help raise funds."

"We really hope this will be a resounding success and people will have a very enjoyable time."

"The money raised from the concert will help towards providing small voluntary groups in the area working with vulnerable children and young people, with equipment, services and facilities."

The concert starts at 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £6 and are available on 01922 456398.

The charity was set up by **Karen** and **Sean Ross** following the fatal stabbing of their 16-year-old daughter **Rosie** in 2001, in a random and motiveless attack in **Birmingham's Centenary Square**.

'Bullied' teen found hanged, inquest told

by Peter Madeley

A TEENAGER who moved to another school because of bullying was found hanged after his new classmates picked on him, an inquest was told.

Joshua Maddox, 15, who had learning difficulties, was found dead at his home in **Persehouse Street, Walsall**, by his younger sister in January last year.

An inquest heard he had been threatened with a knuckleduster by one child, and punched in the chest by another during a campaign of bullying.

His mother, **Michelle Maddox**, said he had left **Deansfield School, Wolverhampton**, to attend **St Thomas More Catholic School, Willenhall**, because he was being picked on by other pupils. But the bullying continued, the hearing was told.

"When he moved to **St Thomas More** he had to move down a year otherwise he thought he would not pass his GCSEs. It was horrible," she said.

Late

"He had no help from the school and because of his mild learning difficulties he was constantly picked on by other kids. The children used to tell him to go back to his own year. They told him they didn't want him there. One child came at him with a knuckleduster and on another occasion he was punched in the chest."

Miss Maddox said although she spoke to the school she felt he was not given the support he needed until it was too late. "I spoke to the school about the bullying but they never acted on it," she said.

"The only incident they dealt with was when he was being punched in the chest. It was Christmas by the time they sorted out any extra support. By then it was too late. They offered support after too many years of us struggling and Joshua struggling."

He was taking medication for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and suffered from autism. Dr **Dragana Radibra-**



Joshua Maddox — threatened with knuckleduster



Stepfather Philip Downes and his mother Michelle



St Thomas More Catholic School, in Willenhall

tovic-Cvijan, a consultant histopathologist at **Walsall Manor Hospital**, said she conducted a post-mortem and said the cause of his death was strangulation by hanging.

"His family said he had been bullied at school and they had been concerned the medication he was taking for ADHD was not working," she said. "They said he was sent to bed early because he and his brother had been stealing food from the kitchen that was meant for the family's evening meal."

"His stepfather checked on him once during the night and he was asleep in his bunk."

Clinical psychiatrist Dr **Pauline Forster** told the inquest she had started working with Joshua in February 2012. Joshua had difficulties with verbal communication and found it hard to explain emotional

issues," she said. "He had difficulty socialising and making friends. His ADHD was complicated and difficult to manage."

"We encourage children like Joshua to have extra support in school. I wrote to the school to try and arrange a meeting but they never responded. He would tell me he was happy at school, so it was difficult to help him, even though it was clear to his family he was not happy."

She said Joshua had changed the medication for his ADHD in the weeks leading up to his death.

Asked to describe her son, Miss Maddox said: "He used to try to make us laugh but he was always in trouble." She added: "Joshua didn't know how to talk to people. He just liked to be in his own world playing on his computer."

Senior Coroner **Robin Balmain** adjourned the inquest for further investigations.

St Thomas More headteacher **Peter Mayland** said: "Everyone at **St Thomas More Catholic School** is deeply saddened and shocked by the tragic death of **Joshua**. He was a popular boy with many friends and a bright future."

"Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time, especially those who are students at our school. As a school we have a 'zero tolerance' approach to bullying, which is entirely incompatible with our Christian values."

He said an Ofsted report in January had highlighted that strengths of the school are that 'students say that they feel safe in school' and that 'bullying is dealt with effectively'.

Robbers hit man on head

A MAN was struck over the head with a weapon believed to be a hammer in broad daylight on a busy street in **Aldridge**.

Robbers ambushed two men in their car and stole an undisclosed sum of cash after they had visited **Nat- West** bank just after 4pm last Thursday. Detectives believe the men, aged 30 and 32, may have been followed. They were set upon as they parked near the post office in **Northgate**. The robbers escaped in a light blue **Mondeo**. Witnesses should call police on 101 or **Crimestoppers** on 0800 555 111.

Delays warning

MOTORISTS are facing delays during water main connection work which is due to finish on Monday. Temporary traffic signals are expected to be in place along **Green Lane, Walsall Wood**, until March 24. This is between the junctions of **Hall Lane** and **Oakwood Close**.

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Raymond Morris is taken to court with a blanket over his head



An Austin saloon car which belonged to child killer Morris



Maureen Freeman

Ex-officer relieved at end of a chapter

A POLICE officer who helped bring Raymond Morris described his death as 'the end of a chapter'.

Maureen Freeman was only two years into her career with Staffordshire Police when a little girl's body was discovered on Cannock Chase.

Then aged 23, she played a pivotal role in the investigation that led to the eventual arrest of the notorious child killer.

She admitted a sense of relief that he had died – but said the pain would live on for the families he had torn apart.

Ms Freeman said: "My immediate thought when I heard he had died, was that this really brings some closure in a way.

"This man haunts me – every time something has happened with him I can see his face. It is still a big part of my life.

"As a police officer you can't show any emotions but it has all come back to me now."

Miss Freeman, now a Cannock Chase district councillor and living in Park Road, Cannock, said the families would be in her thoughts, adding: "It can never be the end of the chapter for them."

Life ends for Morris

Report by Laura Blyth

HE was described as 'cold, cruel and just plain wicked'.

Child killer Raymond Morris, "the Cannock Chase Murderer", was sentenced to life in jail for the horrific rape and murder of schoolgirl Christine Darby in the 1960s.

He was prime suspect, though never charged, over the killings of six-year-old Margaret Reynolds, of Aston, Birmingham and Diane Joy Tift, five, of Bloxwich in 1966.

Morris made a bid to be released, with his solicitors claiming to have uncovered police misconduct, but the case was rejected by the Criminal Cases Review Commission in 2010.

Searched

Then in February this year it was confirmed the killer would die in jail after the Court of Appeal found whole life sentences should continue to be used for the most serious of crimes following a ruling by the European Courts.

Margaret Reynolds went missing on her way to school in Aston on September 8, 1965. Two thousand people searched for the youngster following her disappearance.

Then Diane Tift disappeared on a short walk to her grandmother's house in Bloxwich on December 30. The bodies of both girls were found by a workman dumped in a ditch at Mansty Gully on Cannock Chase on January 12, 1966.

A huge police investigation followed.



Child killer Raymond Morris



Margaret Reynolds - body found

Then, in August 19, 1967 seven-year-old Christine Darby was enticed into a grey Austin A55 car by a man near her home in Camden Street, Walsall. The youngster had left her home to play with friends when she was kidnapped at around 2pm.

Witnesses said they saw a man who spoke in a local accent in a grey car. Search parties were sent out to try to find the youngster. More than 1,000 people joined the search.

Descriptions of the suspect car led detectives to question various locals, including Morris. As the search for Christine intensified, a policeman found the youngster's underwear on the Chase

and Scotland Yard detectives were called in. Christine's body was found by a soldier on August 22, 1967, only a mile from where Margaret and Diane were discovered.

The three murders were similar in that each victim was coaxed into a car while near her home, then killed after being sexually assaulted. Christine, Margaret and Diane lived within a 17-mile radius of each other and near the A34 that passes through Cannock Chase.

Some 150 detectives visited 39,000 homes, interviewed 80,000 people and checked more than a million car forms.

The hunt was led by Sir Stanley Bailey, Staffordshire's Assistant Chief Con-



Victim Christine Darby

stable at the time. A team was brought together and murder headquarters was set up in New Penkridge Road, Cannock.

The breakthrough came on November 4, 1968, when 10-year-old Margaret Aulton escaped an abduction attempt by a man driving a green and white Ford Corsair in Walsall.

Alibi

A witness, a housewife, noted the car's registration number, which police later traced back to Morris.

Throughout the investigation, Morris had been spoken to on four occasions but he was ruled out of Christine's death after his wife Carol gave him an alibi.



Diane Tift, who was also murdered

But, after discovering pornographic images of children in his flat, his wife turned him in to police and admitted the alibi she gave was false. Police arrested Morris 15 months after Christine's body was found.

Morris, who was born in Walsall and lived in a council-owned flat in Green Lane, was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment in February 1969. The former engineer was locked up for nearly 45 years.

Former detective chief superintendent Pat Molloy, one of three leading officers on the case, maintained in the years that followed that he had no doubt Morris was guilty of killing Christine.

Timeline that led to the capture of a child killer

DECEMBER 1, 1964: Nine-year-old Julia Taylor lured into a car in Bloxwich by a man claiming to be a friend of her mother. She was assaulted, strangled and left for dead, but spotted by a passing cyclist and saved.

September 8, 1965: Margaret Reynolds, aged six, went missing in Aston, Birmingham.

December 30, 1965: Diane Tift, five, went missing in Bloxwich.

January 12, 1966: The bodies of

Margaret Reynolds and Diane Tift are found in a ditch at Mansty Gully on Cannock Chase.

August 14, 1966: Ten-year-old Jane Taylor disappeared from the Cannock area.

August 19, 1967: Christine Darby, aged seven, was enticed into a grey Austin A55 car by a man near her home in Camden Street, Walsall. Witnesses said that they saw a man in a grey car who spoke in a local accent.

August 22, 1967: A soldier who was a member of a search party found the body of Christine Darby just a mile from where Reynolds and Tift were discovered.

November 4, 1968: 10-year-old Margaret Aulton in Walsall escaped from a man who attempted to force her into his green and white Ford Corsair. A housewife made a mental note of the vehicle number, the car was traced back to Morris, and he was arrested.

November 16, 1968: Raymond Leslie Morris was taken to Cannock Court and charged with the murder of Christine Darby. He denied the charge.

February 18, 1969: Morris was found guilty at Staffordshire Assizes in Stafford of the murder and rape of Christine Darby and sentenced to life behind bars.

August 2001: Morris launches an appeal against his murder conviction.

November 2010: Morris granted a

judicial review in the case of the murder of Christine Darby.

February 2011: His bid for an appeal was rejected at London's Royal Courts of Justice.

April 2011: Morris says he has scrapped plans to take his case to the European Court of Human Rights and will die in jail.

July 2013: European Court of Human Rights rules that means whole-lifers should be entitled to a

review of their sentence 25 years into their term at the very latest.

February 2014: The Court of Appeal found whole life sentences should continue to be used for the most serious of crimes. It means Morris will die in jail.

March 11, 2014: The Ministry of Justice confirms that Raymond Morris has died after being transferred to a medical facility from Wymott in Preston.

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IN MY VIEW

WITH MARK ANDREWS

THEY say one of the surest signs of getting older is when the policemen start looking younger. But what about when the police start looking smaller. Or made out of vinyl?

Over the last few months they seem to have been spreading like wildfire. PCSOs, community beat bobbies, it seems no shop is complete now without a self-adhesive law enforcer in the window.

We've all heard the unkind comments about 'plastic policemen', but really is taking it too far.

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THE other week, while using a self-scanning till at a local branch of Tesco, a member of staff was required to verify that I was over the age of 18 while purchasing a six-pack of beer.

And what, you might ask, is wrong with that? Well the beer in question was alcohol-free. Why, even the old Top Deck shandy cans used to have a trace of alcohol in them, and I don't recall children being stopped from buying them. Even stranger is the warning on Beck's Blue, another low alcohol brew. "Please drink responsibly" it says on the label, which gives the alcohol content as being 0.05 per cent. And quite right too. Do not even consider getting driving a car after 200 bottles.

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NOEL Edmonds, unveiling his proposal to privatise the BBC, says he no longer buys a television licence because there is nothing on the normal terrestrial services he wants to watch. "I don't watch except on catch-up," he says. And quite right too. So how does he feel about all those years he was forcing Mr Blobby and Telly Addicts on us?

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FIREFIGHTERS were this week called to deal with a fire at a suspected cannabis factory in Tettenhall, emitting huge plumes of smoke into the atmosphere. A man was arrested, but neighbours are said to be relaxed about the matter. Very relaxed indeed.

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JUST when you think you have heard everything, Aaron Parfitt, 14, has been suspended from his school in Blackpool for organising a walk-out because he felt he was not getting enough homework. He complained he was passed from pillar to post when he tried to raise concerns about the quality of his teaching with Blackpool Council and Ofsted. He managed to persuade 100 of his peers to join him on his protest. I know teenagers will do anything for a day off school, but demanding more homework? The news comes a week after fellow Blackpool resident Gemma Worrall hit the headlines because she thought 'barraco barn' was Britain's head of state. They must have some really good schools up there.



Anglo Saxon expert Chris Fern with a folded great cross



Curator David Symons looks at a discovered item



Experts examine the full display of the hoard

Haul together to clear up mystery

A fascinating discovery of ancient treasure has taken on another new twist, as Dave Ballinger reports

SOME of the mysteries of the Staffordshire Hoard – unearthed in a farmer's field in Hammerwich – have taken a new twist.

The incredible find, the biggest of its kind, has begun to rewrite the history books.

The entire, fully cleaned hoard has been photographed in one place for the first time since its discovery in 2009.

For two weeks the entire 4,000 piece collection has been brought together so experts could start a major exercise to group items and make links between each fragment like an ancient jigsaw puzzle.

The staggering findings shine fresh light into the depths of what are known as the Dark Ages.

Hundreds of connections have been found, revealing at least one helmet made up of more than 1,500 fragments.

Warrior

The research has also confirmed there are up to 150 swords, which represents an extraordinary haul of warrior kit.

It has also revealed for the first time the true extent of gold wealth across the kingdoms – much greater than ever envisaged before.

Anglo-Saxon specialist Chris Fern has spent 18 months examining each item in the collection individually. But to complete his analysis it became clear all the items would have to be brought together. So they were all packed up and in total secrecy experts carried out the work over two weeks in the depths of Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery.

Mr Fern said: "The hoard is a very



Conservation manager Pieta Greaves examines some of the artefacts

complex find which points to multiple origins and is very significant for understanding the true material culture of the early kingdoms of Anglo-Saxon England.

"It suggests that the warrior elites shared in the sort of gold wealth enjoyed by kings and royalty."

Mr Fern said items in the hoard were shown to have origins from three kingdoms: Mercia, East Anglia and Northumbria.

The items span up to 150 years over the turn of the 6th and 7th centuries

the level of wealth. It now appears it was beyond kings and top royalty. More people are sharing in this. It also includes the top generals and high officials.

"It has also helped us understand the technology and techniques used. The hoard makes up something like 60 per cent of all Anglo-Saxon filigree discovered. This is unique. It is mind-boggling."

It is already believed some of the garnet discovered could have come from India and Sri Lanka.

There is also a gold pectoral cross with a central garnet gem that would have been worn by senior clergy as a sign of their office or by wealthy Christian lay people.

And there is the stylised seahorse mount with filigree spirals the size of a grain of rice which now experts believe may actually be just a horse.

Thumb

Pieta Greaves, hoard conservation manager, said: "Overall I like the pieces where you can see the human element, such as the wear on the pommel caps where you would have put your thumb."

The hoard was discovered by detectorist Terry Herbert in farmer Fred Johnson's field on July 5 2009.

It made them millionaires overnight when Birmingham Museums Trust and The Potteries Museum and Art Gallery in Stoke-on-Trent acquired it in 2010 with support from the Arts Fund, the National Heritage Memorial Fund and the UK's largest public donation.

In 2012 a further 81 items were found in the same field. Dating of the hoard places it at the time of the huge tribal Kingdom of Mercia.

Since the discovery the treasures have toured the region and more than a million people have visited.

Mr Symons said: "It has been an incredible strength of the project that it has been out on show. We are still part way through the story and have a lot of thinking to do."

THROUGH THE YEARS

1984

FIFTY patients, many attached to life support machines, were evacuated from Wolverhampton's Royal Hospital as a blazing roof threatened to engulf the entire top floor.

A HIGH Court judge ordered the miners' union to call off flying pickets from travelling to pits which continued to operate during the strike. Mr Justice Nolan granted the National Coal Board an injunction under the controversial Employment Act

GERRY Adams, the Sinn Féin MP for West Belfast, was gunned down in his car during a lunch break from a court case he was involved in. He was taken to Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast after being shot in the city.

1994

CHART toppers Chaka Demus and Pliers appeared in Wolverhampton for the first time, but didn't get quite the reaction they had been hoping for. Angry fans threatened to walk out as they became tired of waiting for the band. The concert started at 7.30pm, but the group did not take to the stage until 10pm.

KIDNEY patients from Wolverhampton were flying to India for transplants because of a shortage of organs in Britain. Five people from the town had paid around £2,500 for the operations in Bombay clinics. The donors, from India's poorer classes, were risking their lives for as little as £200, it was claimed.

2004

A FRUIT and veg seller who fought a three-year battle for the right to sell in pounds and ounces died from a suspected heart attack at the age of 39. Steven Thoburn, from Sunderland, had been prosecuted for breaching the Weights and Measures Act by selling bananas by the pound. His Imperial scales were confiscated and he was given a six-month conditional discharge in 2001.

BUS lay-bys were being removed from a busy main road, sparking concerns the move would lead to an increase in congestion. The lay-bys were being blocked up as part of a £1.7m Red Route scheme along Stafford Road in Wolverhampton. Transport chiefs claimed that it would be safer for buses to stop on the main carriageway rather than pulling into lay-bys.

ASTON Villa ruthlessly dispatched their Premiership neighbours Wolves with a 4-0 win in the big West Midlands derby. Thomas Hitzlsperger opened the scoring after just seven minutes. There was a brief chance for Wolves to get back into the game on the stroke of half-time but Thomas Sorensen saved a penalty from Vio Ganea.

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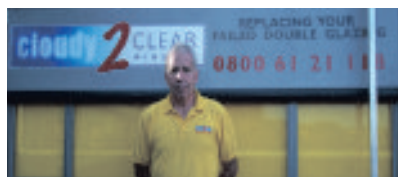
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Boards' break-up caused skills gap

WHOSE fault is the current skills gap? Having read two separate reports by Simon Penfold, indicating National Apprenticeship Week, I am provoked to repeat the contents of a letter to the editor written some four to five years ago.

The present Government is endeavouring to 'reinvent the wheel' - when Margaret Thatcher's Government took charge there existed around 70-80 training boards responsible for ensuring adequate skills training for a great variety of industries.

I was for 30 years involved with industrial

training firstly with Joseph Sankey & Sons Ltd and later as a lecturer at Dudley Technical College. These boards were funded by a levy on companies of a certain minimum size and did a really good job in maintaining high skills levels.

During the reign of the Thatcher Government and her then Industry Minister Jim Prior these boards were mostly discontinued. Myself and many others expressed concern at this decision but to no avail and the 30 year skills gap is the result.

J GAGE, C.ENG, MIET, Willenhall

Praise for dog stance by council

WELL done to Birmingham City Council for implementing local by-laws to control the handling of dogs in public and open spaces.

Do not misunderstand me, the measures that BC Council have taken are not an answer to the dog problem, but does go some way to control them. The downside is, I fail to see how one dog walker can control up to four dogs, loose in an open space. The upside is all dogs must be on a lead in a public space, policing it is a different matter.

In a letter to the leader of Walsall Council, I suggested all dogs in public places be muzzled, they cannot bite. The local council can pass by-laws to this effect. My reply stated that they thought there was no reason to implement such actions, even though there have been dog attacks in the past 12 months.

At least BC Council know there is a problem and doing something about it. I still think a muzzle for dogs out in public places, is the only way to stop dog attacks.

A PARKER, Willenhall

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Why should England put up with the EU?

WHEN Margaret Thatcher was ousted by Europhiles for defending the United Kingdom against the introduction of EU regional policies proposed in the Maastricht Treaty (subsequently signed by her successor), the signal was given to the EU that the United Kingdom was going to be a willing partner in sharing and relinquishing power to them, and accepted the possibility it could lead to the destabilisation of the nation state.

Britain in Margaret Thatcher lost its last true British patriot.

Successive British governments and parliaments in their rush for Europe have corrupted the British identity with these regional policies, so much so that you

could actually say they have encouraged it to the extent that Scotland and Wales now appear to want no more part of it.

Given the power to look after their own domestic affairs with national parliaments and doing so successfully is it very surprising that they keep coming back for more power, and one of them, Scotland, now wants the option in a referendum to breakaway and decide its own future.

England has been kept in the dark since 1998 from the reality of adopting these EU regional policies and it is only now when the end of the United Kingdom could be in sight that the English are beginning to wake up.

J STANHOPE, Willenhall

No poppies at cenotaph

WHERE have all the Poppies gone? Two weeks ago while in town I noticed that there were no wreaths, crosses, poppies and other tributes on the cenotaph that were laid on Remembrance Sunday.

Why have they been removed so soon? What happened to them? Had they gone passed their best? At Bloxwich and Aldridge are just two of many in the area that are still proudly on display. Also there were many pigeons because someone had emptied a whole packet of breakfast cereals on the monument along with the previous day's supply of bread. This appears to be a daily occurrence.

I myself see it as being disrespectful to the many in whose honour the memorial was erected. At some stage this garbage must be cleaned off so why allow it to keep happening?

G MORRIS, Blakenall

Badge cost sparks fury

I AM writing this letter as I have read in your paper about the disabled badge going up to £10. I think this is totally out of order and Mr Bird needs to come in the real world.

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DEMOLITION work has started to pave the way for the multi-million pound transformation of a main shopping centre.

It is the first phase of the revamp of the Old Square site in Walsall which will see a new Primark and Co-op open next year.

The demolition phase is due to take four months as part of the £21 million plans, which has seen construction and infrastructure firm Morgan Sindell appointed to deliver the town cen-

tre scheme. Walsall Council agreed to pump in up to £8m from its own cash reserves to kick-start the long-awaited project, creating around 150 jobs.

It involves the demolition of the former Tesco building and surrounding units and the construction of a new 54,000 sq ft development, which will house Primark and the Midcounties Co-operative's food store.

Walsall regeneration chief, councillor Adrian Andrew, said: "We're delighted to appoint Morgan Sindell as contractor for this scheme. "This new development will breathe further life into the town centre and this invest-

ment shows we're looking for a long-term revival of the town."

Ben Reid, chief executive of The Co-op, said: "The Midcounties Co-operative has strong roots in Walsall that date back over 125 years. We have identified a real demand for a food store offering in the town centre, which is why we are investing in a new store at the Old Square Shopping Centre re-development."

"We are looking forward to launching a store that meets the needs of the Walsall community next year."

The project is due to complete in spring 2015.

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Singing the praises
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Eve Sheldon, aged 10, and Isher Soorae, 11 after the choir won the U11 title at the Dudley Music Festival

A GROUP of schoolchildren have been in fine voice after taking part in a regional choir competition. More than 50 young people from Mayfield Preparatory School in Walsall took part in the event this month.

It was held at the Dudley Music Festival and the senior choir which consisted of under 11 year-olds claimed first prize. The boys and girls performed The Highwayman song and also the Lady Dressed in White and received a trophy and certificates.

The junior choir sang a Disney medley and the group of under eights came second in their section.

The children from the school in Sutton Road, near Walsall town centre, had been rehearsing up to twice a week ahead of the competition.

Director of music Natalie Petch said: "I was overwhelmed by how they did on the day."

Probe is due over college cutting ties with council

A COLLEGE which specialises in adult learning and apprenticeships could become independent from council control.

The authority is spending £100,000, following a grant, on a study to be carried out by experts, to see whether the plans are feasible. Walsall Adult Community College, could run itself in future under the proposals.

by Adam Burling

Bosses say the college receives much of its funding from external agencies and does not need to be controlled by the council.

Walsall Council has been chosen as one of 10 local authorities to receive funds through the Government's 'Delivering Differently Challenge' programme.

Funding

Finance chief Councillor Chris Towe, who is the college's chairman of governors, said: "David Cameron believed councils should only do what they have to, and anyone with a service like this looking to run it away from council control, should be encouraged."

"It is an organisation which doesn't have to be run by the council."

"Funding goes through the council but could go straight to the college."

He said the education and skills funding agencies had indicated the college's grants would not change as part of the move.

Councillor Towe added: "The potential spinout of the college from under council control has been something we've considered for a while."

"This will now help us determine whether an independently run organisation is what's best for the college."

Jev Bhalla, interim principal for the College, added: "We're really pleased that the funds have been secured."

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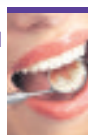
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Eurobeat director Maureen Bowyer, left, and Anne Hewitt



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A 1990 performance of The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas



The Night Maxi Tortellini Hit Big Lola Latrobes, in 1992

Group to see future in Eurovision for milestone silver anniversary

IT has created lifelong friendships and been served by different generations of the same families – and a musical theatre group is now celebrating its silver anniversary.

The Great Barr Musical Theatre Company has reached a milestone 25 years with its performances still a popular draw for audiences.

And to mark the occasion members will put on a show for a run of four nights – a first for the group. The company's first performance, in 1989, was a production of The Wiz, telling the classic story and musical The Wizard of Oz.

And since then members have gone on to bring a wide range of well-known musicals to the stage – including the Little Shop of Horrors, Guys and Dolls, the Wedding Singer and Boogie Nights.

Members have also performed Return to the Forbidden Planet, Little Me and Real-

MEMORY LANE by Adam Grinsell

ity the Musical. The group presently has 25 members but are always open to new people who want to join and take part in performances.

It also has its own band which performs the music during shows.

To celebrate the anniversary, the group will be putting on the special performance of musical Eurobeat in July.

The show, described as a 'mickey take' of the Eurovision Song Contest, will see a number of performances from 'contestants'. During the show, the audience is encouraged to get involved by voting for their favourites. It will be staged at the Old Rep Theatre, in Birmingham, from July 1 to 4.

Members of the group said they were very proud to reach the landmark anniversary but admitted it had not always been easy due to production costs and getting new

members on board. Office manager Anne Hewitt, 59 and from Duxford Road, Great Barr, has been a member since the group was founded by friends who convinced her to join.

Both of her daughters have been members of the group in the past, and her husband Gary joined up in 1997. She said: "Being a part of this company gives you great confidence and it's a great sense of being part of something," she said.

Memorable

"I've met some amazing people that have got amazing talent they didn't realise they had. I've had a lot of ups and downs in my life and it's helped me to get over them," she said.

Anne has performed in all of the group's shows and is one of only three original members taking an active role in the company, alongside Albert Lyons and Margaret Pitt – although they have taken breaks from the group. Group secretary Maureen Bowyer said there had been memorable mo-

ments for the group over the years – including the time one member fell into the band pit before a performance. But after emerging unscathed the performer, Shirley Lane, went ahead with her performance.

Maureen said: "It really was a case of the show must go on. It was just before a production of Chicago. After she fell the whole place went totally silent for around 30 seconds until she popped her head out and shouted 'I'm okay'."

Rehearsals for the show are now well under way with the group meeting once a week at the Co-op Rooms, in Walsall Road, Great Barr on Tuesday evenings. And members have also been out and about searching for materials to make the costumes for the new show.

The group says, just like the real Eurovision, there will be a wide range of styles including traditional dress, some 70s Glam rock influenced outfits and some which are a little more bizarre. For ticket or membership inquiries, see www.greatbarmusicaltheatrecompany.co.uk

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Inspirational Gaurav now back home with family

HE HAS spent the past three months in isolation recovering from a life-saving bone marrow transplant.

But now brave two-year-old Gaurav Bains is back home in the loving arms of his family – after becoming an inspiration to thousands.

Gaurav underwent the operation just before Christmas and has spent the weeks since locked away in his hospital room to give his immune system time to rebuild.

His family are over the moon that he is now back home in Tipton.

Parents Sunny and Gurprit took it in turns to stay at their son's bedside throughout his stay at Birmingham Children's Hospital. Mr Bains, aged 31, said: "It's brilliant, he's back at home where he belongs."

Leukaemia

Gaurav, from Alexandra Road, has left hospital almost 12 weeks after he was admitted, and 71 days after his stem cell transplant. Had he not received the transplant, to treat an extremely rare condition called Monosomy 7 Syndrome, then it is likely he would have developed an aggressive form of childhood leukaemia.

It is the plight of Gaurav, and other children who also suffer from rare conditions, such as baby Margot Martini, that have highlighted the drastic need for bone marrow donors. Their stories have inspired thousands to support the campaign.

There are several registers in the UK, such as Anthony Nolan Trust and Delete Blood Cancer, which list all of those who could be potential matches for those in need.

But when some are struck down



Gaurav with father Sunny, mother Gurprit and his sister Kiran

with such serious conditions, those lists have proved to be desperately short. Like Gaurav, whose family fought to find a donor match by organising registration events nationwide, 17-month-old Margot's hopes of finding a donor were pinned on getting more people to provide their DNA.

Margot, whose mother is originally from Essington, was 14 months old when she was diagnosed with a rare form of blood cancer. Following registration events in her name, it is estimated that around 50,000 people signed up. At the end of last month, she too underwent a transplant. Her parents are facing an anxious wait to see if it has been a success.

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Unchained melody of love for diamond pair



Diamond couple David and Lilian Moran, from Rushall



The couple on their wedding day in 1954

IT was a romance which started when they clapped eyes on each other at work – and it has lasted more than 60 years as they celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary.

David and Lilian Moran were working at Wheway chainmakers, Walsall, when he took the first step and asked his wife-to-be to the pictures.

The first date for the welders was

at the Savoy cinema in the town. Love blossomed and they married at St Peter's RC Church in Bloxwich on March 6, 1954. Despite the cold they managed to avoid the heavy snow which hit the area over the previous days.

After leaving Wheway's, David, now aged 80, went on to work at car firm BRD where he spent more than 30 years.

Lilian, 82, moved on to become a saddle machinist at Butler & Antill and then cleaning within the NHS where she was based at the likes of Walsall Manor Hospital, Gosport, Little Bloxwich and Birchills. The couple, from Rushall, have two children, David, aged 53, and Julie, 51. They have three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

To make the anniversary they enjoyed a family meal and are planning a break.

David has always had an interest in gardening while Lilian is keen on knitting and dress-making.

When asked about the key to such a long and successful marriage, Lilian said: "It is about tolerance, patience, a good sense of humour and honesty, and not arguing about money. He says he still loves me and I still love him."

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Ann's smile puts her in top gear

ANN Skitt retrieves her bike from the garage, deftly fixes a slipped chain, and is ready "to go anywhere."

By her own confession it's an antique with a capacious, black leather-cloth saddlebag (no longer manufactured) and just three Sturmey-Archer gears. For nearly 20 years it's been a faithful companion and her primary source of transport.

Her enthusiasm to get on the saddle belies her years. "I don't drive, but cycle everywhere I can," she says.

A young-at-heart 74-year-old, she oozes charisma and charm, still goes to the gym "when she needs to shed a few pounds" and is the life and soul of the party at her local Young At Heart Club where she is a volunteer worker.

"I retired at 60, but I always have to be doing something. The club has some elderly people who never really see anyone from week to week and I love helping. We do lunches and have a game of bingo and a laugh," she adds.

She admits to constantly making choices to live life to the limit and indulging herself whenever she

fancies a new look as a popular hairdressers' model at Wolverhampton's award-winning Ultimate Hairdressing salon.

"I love meeting the students and they treat me lovely," she says.

It's hard to imagine that his retired assembly worker, who completed 45 years' service at Willenhall's famous Josiah Parkes & Sons lock manufacturers, could ever be knocked back. But failing teeth "became an embarrassment," she recalls.

Plucked up the courage

"My remaining bottom teeth were terribly discoloured and my partial lower denture was unstable. You could never eat anything like nuts and I was always so conscious of the way they looked.

"If I cooked lamb chops or a steak I'd struggle to eat it – it would take me ages, but I can eat anything now," she says with a smile.

Ann called time on her long-standing dental problems after reading an article in her local newspaper about Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS(Eng) and his work as principal at the Denture Clinic in North Street, Dudley.

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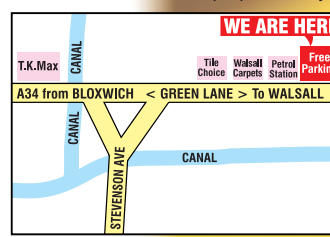
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Neil pays homage to Dexys with new book

DEXYS Midnight Runners superfan Neil Warburton has put the finishing touches to a book chronicling the band's history.

And for the 42-year-old, from Oldbury, it is a more personal account as he is a long-time friend of the band's mercurial frontman Kevin Rowland.

Mr Warburton first got into the band when he was eight-years-old and the very first record he bought was their 1980 chart-topper *Geno*.

Rowland lived in the same street as Neil, Apollo Road.

But when he settled down to watch the band perform on *Top of the Pops* one Thursday evening his mum had a surprise for him.

He said: "We lived in Apollo Road, Oldbury. I remember sitting in front of the TV watching the band and my mum came in and saw Kevin."

Autograph

"She turned around to me and said: 'He only lives up the road'. It is not often you find one of your neighbours is your favourite rock star."

Mr Warburton, who still lives in Apollo Road, eventually plucked up the courage to knock on his neighbour's door and ask for an autograph. He was invited in and given a signed photo. And the two men remain friends to this day - and met up again only last year.

Mr Warburton's book is a compilation of 15 issues of his fanzine *Keep On Running*, published between 1995 and 2000, along with new interviews from band members past and present including Kevin Archer and Jim Paterson.

He started putting The book, which will be launched at Oldbury's Railway Inn pub on March 22, together while



A close up view of the band's book



Oldbury-based author Neil Warburton

the band's every move during a residency at London's Duke Of York's Theatre last year.

Called *Nowhere Is Home*, it features the Wednesfield-born Rowland talking about why he turned to singing. He tells the camera: "Do you know what? I was a no-hoper. Prison was a possibility, you know, an absolute possibility for me."

"I left school, no qualifications, at 15. I'd come bottom of the class in several subjects." Last year he was given an honorary degree from the University of Wolverhampton.

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Former parish priest marks 60 years



Father Harrington left, with current parish priest Father Jaison Karippai at St Patrick's church in Walsall

AS part of the continuing celebrations of his 60th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood, Father John Harrington was invited back to St Patrick's RC Church, Walsall, where he was the parish priest until late 2012.

During his 38 years in the parish, Father Harrington was often to be found ministering to the patients at the Manor

Hospital where he was the Roman Catholic chaplain. He also ran a soup kitchen from the Presbytery.

Current parish priest Father Jaison Karippai thanked the Father Harrington for sharing his experiences. He added: "Before this, no priest has celebrated sacerdotally the diamond jubilee in this Parish."

Man held outside nursery

A MAN has been arrested after he tried to gain access to a Walsall nursery school while parents were dropping off their children.

The man had to be tackled to the ground outside Maple Tree Nursery, Delves Road, and a nursery worker suffered an injured hand and was taken to hospital.

The man was detained under the Mental Health Act by police and taken

to hospital. Neighbours spoke of their shock after the drama which happened at around 9.35am on Monday.

West Bromwich Road resident Carol Gill, aged 56, said: "It is very worrying that something like this could happen at a nursery. It was absolute pandemonium in the street when the emergency services arrived at about 10am."

Parents using the centre's West Bromwich Road entrance on Monday afternoon, said they had not been informed of any trouble at the site. Kelly

Jones, aged 34, from Delves, said: "My child was very happy when I left him there."

Chief Inspector Chris Wilkes, from Walsall Police, said: "The arrested man was detained by staff at the nursery, who acted swiftly, to prevent this man from gaining access to the site."

"One of the staff suffered a hand injury as he tried to stop the man, but thankfully no one else was injured and the children are all safe. Bosses at the nursery refused to comment."

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School is fit for a healthy purpose



Health and wellbeing co-ordinator, Colin Hall with Lisa Sylvester and Alan Jarvis from NHS, Walsall Hospital Trust

A SCHOOL in Walsall is celebrating after being the first in a borough to get an NHS award. Shire Oak Academy has been awarded the Gold Healthy Workplace award.

The school has been promoting healthy lifestyle choices among its staff by encouraging them to eat healthier and do exercise. All staff have attended sessions on stress management and over the course of the last year, most staff have had a health check from the NHS to ensure that they are fit and healthy.

Fitness is also a key part of the programme and most nights of the week staff participate in a range of activities including high intensity interval training and spinning. The aim of the award is to reward local businesses and institutions for participating in activities that promote healthy lifestyle choices to your workforce.

Colin Hall, PE teachers health co-ordinator, said: "To receive this prestigious award is a credit to all staff at the academy. We are the first school in Walsall to receive the award so we are delighted about that. In one way or another, all staff have helped contribute. As teachers, we need to ensure that we lead a healthy lifestyle and inspire our students to make the same choices."

Poundland is floated as shares start at £3

SHARES in Poundland have gone on sale for the first time as the booming Black Country firm was valued at £750 million.

The shares were initially valued at £3 each – but it was thought they were likely to rocket in value over the days following the launch last Thursday. Floating on the stock market will raise between £375m and £430m.

The move will help the Willenhall-based chain expand in the UK and in Europe. The company started trading in a £30-a-week office in Sedgley 24 years ago. Founder Steve Smith and his father sold the business for around £50 million in 2002, and since then it has expanded to more than 500 stores and sales of £880m.

by Simon Penfold

It employs 12,000 people, around 750 of them at its headquarters in Willenhall and distribution depot at Bilston. It has built its success on offering everything for £1, from toys and sweets to household staples like milk and sugar and even books and DVDs.

The result has been one of the biggest high street success stories of recent times, piling on the profits and

sales figures year after year in both good times and bad. The next move is to open stores on the Continent, starting in Spain, using the Dealz brand it first launched in Ireland. To fund the growth Poundland is selling 250 million shares in the business – about half its value.

Around 125 million went on sale last week in so-called conditional trading.

Dealing in the shares over the next few days is likely to involve big investors like pension funds and insurance companies. Ordinary investors were able to get their hands on a bit of Poundland at the start of this week, when full public trading started on Monday.

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Focus on Bloxwich

Revamp projects for team

YOUNG unemployed people taking part in a programme aimed at improving confidence and helping them into work have been taking part in community projects.

A group of 11 people aged between 16 and 25 have been taking part in a 12-week Prince's Trust programme running in Walsall.

They have raised funds by carrying out bag packs at supermarkets, a sponsored night walk and sleep out in a cave. The group used the money raised to help them carry out work on a communal garden at Brownhills Community Association.

They also cleared a garden area at Blakenall Village Centre to help towards Walsall In Bloom.

Pc Mark Foster, Prince's Trust team leader, said: "This team of inspiring, young local people have worked hard together to raise funds, creating fresh partnerships by physically working with others to improve facilities thus making a difference to their community. They can be very proud of their actions."

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It also gives young people chance to work on their CVs and interview techniques.

Ex-town cinema site pub plan gets the green light

MOVES to transform a former Bloxwich cinema into a high street pub, creating up to 50 jobs, have been given the green light despite concerns over noise and trouble.

The £1.5 million plan to open a JD Wetherspoon in place of the old Electric Palace in Bloxwich was recommended for approval by planning officers before last Thursday's meeting.

The High Street building has been derelict for more than two years following its most recent use as a youth club.

The pub chain pulled out of previous proposals to take over the nearby Bulls Head and submitted new proposals for the Electric Palace site, which was also once a nightclub, creating a mixture of full and part-time positions.

The scheme includes a pub and restaurant and beer garden. It would open from 7am to 12.30am Sundays to Wednesday and until 1.30am Thursday to Saturday.

Five objections were lodged against the plans.

These include concerns over no dedicated parking which could increase problems along Church Street, the number of pubs in the area and impact on other food outlets. But in his report to councillors, head of planning David Elsworth, said the proposed use for a public house and restaurant

by Craig Hughes

is acceptable and would bring investment into the area.

He said: "The proposed use is appropriate within a district centre and would bring a vacant, neglected, prominent building in the conservation area back into use. The proposals would retain, refurbish and reinstate the original front facade of the building facing High Street and generally improve the overall appearance of this prominent building."

"Objectors consider that there will be potential for increased noise and disturbance."

In most recent times Electric Palace was a youth centre but young people and community groups moved to alternative sites in 2011.

The application states the lack of parking would not present a significant highway safety or traffic flows issues.



Andrea and Mark Rogers, who have pulled in the punters at the Hazelslade Inn

Building on quality of pub ale

A BUILDER from Bloxwich, who is also a pub licensee, has been awarded the Casque Mark accreditation for beer quality.

Mark Rogers and his wife Andrea have transformed the Hazelslade Inn, in Rukey Road, since taking over their first pub just 18 months ago.

Mark, aged 49, a builder from Bloxwich, said: "I built our own house in Hazel Slade and lived here for five years so the pub was our local. We've had a revamp and we are getting some of the regulars back as well as some new faces."

The Casque Mark accreditation was awarded following two unannounced visits over eight weeks. Beers were tested for temperature, appearance, aroma and taste.

Built in the 1850s, the Hazelslade Inn is owned by Punch Taverns and is the ninth pub in the Cannock area to reach the Casque Mark standard.

MS advice day hailed a success

MORE than 70 people attended an information day on living with multiple sclerosis.

The event, organised by the Black Country Branch of the MS Society, was held at the Stan Ball Centre, in Bloxwich, guests included the Mayor of Walsall, Councillor Mohammad Nazir, and MS nurse specialist Julie Bent, of Walsall Community Health.

Branch secretary Andy Smith said: "We want to create a similar service in Walsall because we cover a big area. We are the biggest MS branch outside London. The mayor was so impressed with what we were doing he has invited us to a town hall reception."

Taster therapy sessions were also on offer and included yoga, and massage at the event. The next meeting is on April 2 at 1.30pm.

Jobs fair call to employers

BUSINESSES are being reminded about an employment fair.

Walsall Adult & Community College is staging the event at the Forest Arts Centre in Bloxwich on March 27 from 9.30am to 12pm. Interim principal Jev Bhalla said: "It will give local employers the opportunity to network and meet potential new employees. Call 01922 663000."

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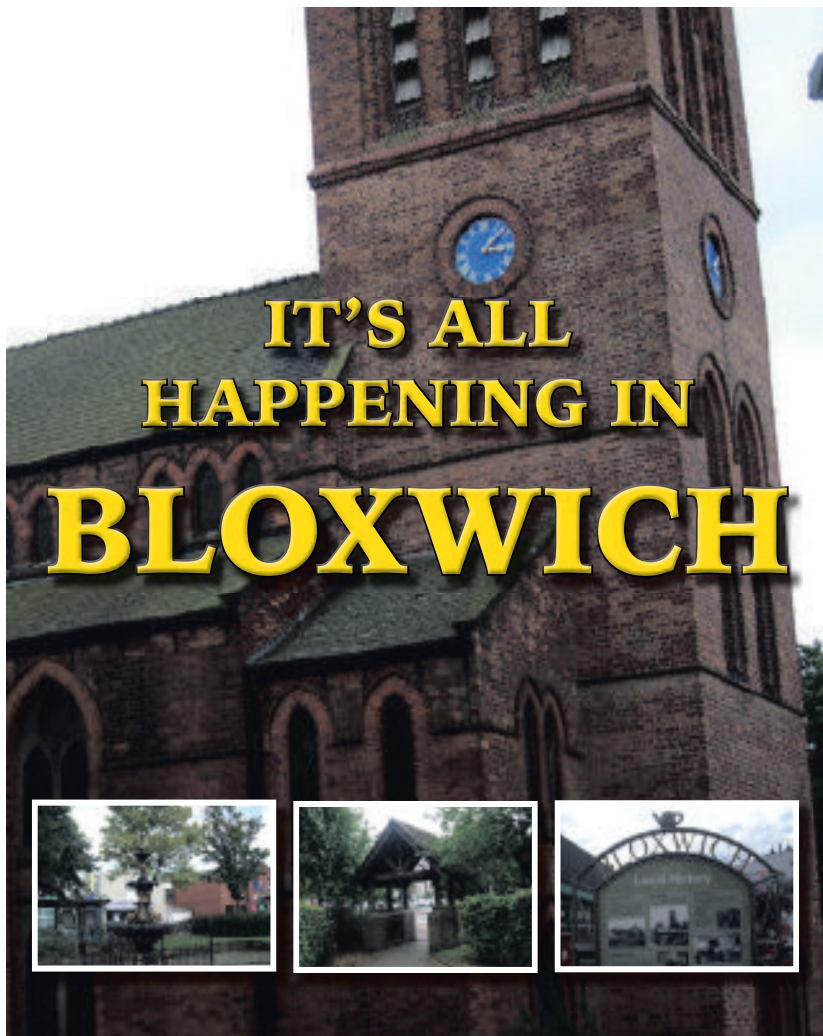
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Philip morphs into a marathon runner



Philip Box, who will be running in this year's London Marathon dressed in a morph suit

BLUE is the colour for Philip Box as he runs the London Marathon. The 28-year-old, of Chasetown, a highways groundworker, is pounding the 26-miles of the capital in an all-encompassing morph suit.

A member of Shabba Runners, Bloxwich, Philip said: "It slows me down a bit because I reckon it halves your breathing capability and stops you being able to see when it gets wet – but it's fun. It takes the pressure away from the running and means you can do it for a laugh."

Philip will compete in the London Marathon for the second time in April. Since taking part for the first time last year, he has also competed in the Snowdonian Marathon as well as a 40 mile ultra marathon. He said: "I love running. It relaxes the mind and gives you time to think."

Despite the problems of wearing a morph suit, he still hopes to beat the 3hr 28 min time he recorded last year. He will be raising money for Children's Wish, a charity that makes dreams come true for children with life threatening illnesses. To sponsor him text mp61 £1 to 70070.

Flowers to help mark Great War centenary

FOUR sites in Walsall will be planted with poppy seeds or plants to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the First World War.

Schools, businesses, community groups and residents are being urged to get involved in the initiative in Walsall. People can pay £5 for 1sq m of poppy plugs or 250 sq m of seeds, and Walsall Council bosses are looking for volunteers to plant them.

by Adam Burling

but we have put cash aside for this regardless.

"If the idea is a popular one we'll then acknowledge all those who have contributed on our special Great War website so that it's a permanent record."

Further sites would be identified next year and up to 2018 if this trial proves successful.

Councillor Harris also made a plea for volunteers to come forward and help with the planting effort.

Anyone interested in sponsoring the poppy planting or volunteering should contact Clean and Green Services at CleanandGreen@walsall.co.uk, or call 01922 653344.

Leisure chief, councillor Anthony Harris, said: "We want to offer schools, businesses, community groups and individuals the opportunity to sponsor some of these areas that we intend to plant."

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Cheslyn Hay Sports and Community High School provides a rich, high quality education within a secure and caring environment that allows post - 16 students to develop their potential. The excellent 'respect and care' ethos found in the whole school is mirrored within the Sixth Form.

The school was proud in 2011 when Ofsted recognised it as 'an inclusive school, which cares for the learning and personal development needs of all students'.



A Sixth Form student on the Level Three Sport course - mixing practical with theory.

Sixth Form students follow a clear induction programme intended to help them build the personal and study skills needed to embark on level three studies. Following this induction all students partake in an extensive well-being programme designed

to develop students both academically and personally as they make their most important life decisions. There are strong links with local universities and apprenticeship providers allowing students access to the best resources. The team of high qualified and dedicated staff support



A Sixth Form student developing skills on canvas.

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Cheslyn Hay Sports and Community High School enjoys the benefits of having



A Sixth Form student working on a 3D project.

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Deal signed to buy 600 new buses

NATIONAL Express West Midlands, the region's biggest bus operator, announced today (Thursday) the signing of a £100m deal for 600 British-built buses.

The agreement with Alexander Dennis will support 2,000 British jobs. The news was welcomed by Black Country MPs Ian Austin and Tom Watson who have called on

other West Midlands companies to buy British. The vehicles will be equipped with the latest customer comfort technology, environmentally friendly low emissions engines as well as high definition CCTV. Mr Watson said: "Deals like the one announced today by National Express West Midlands are what British companies should be doing."

£350,000 plan to cut accident stretch danger

MORE than £350,000 could be spent improving an accident hotspot in Walsall after more than 40 crashes on the route in three years. Walsall Council is looking at securing funds for safety improvements along the Wednesbury Road, which links the town centre and Pleck.

It comes after a man was killed on the route when his car hit metal fencing and went down an embankment last summer. Residents living close to the road said there had been a series of crashes in the area, and called for measures to be introduced.

Changes being considered include improving a junction on the road, as well as markings and pedestrian refuges.

The council has drawn up provisional plans, although any improvements would be subject to officials finding the necessary cash.

Pleck councillor Dennis Anson welcomed action. He said: "Anything to make the road safer I would support. A lot of traffic is coming off junction nine of the M6 into the town that way.

"It is a main route and it will be a far busier route when Phoenix 10 is done. It is used a lot, there are a lot of children that cross up there and safety precautions are vital."

The work would be split into two project sfor on different sections of the road.

One worth up to £236,000 would see new surfacing, road markings, improvements to the junction at Bradford Place and a speed warning sign.

There have been 32 accidents on a stretch heading out of the town centre between November 2010 and the end of October 2013.

Another scheme worth up to £120,000 is for pedestrian refuges and road markings on the stretch between Hilary Street and Tasker Street, where there have been 14 accidents in the same period.

Students' maths skills adding up

STUDENTS from a school in Darlaston picked up a gold award and six bronze in an intermediate maths challenge.

Pupils of Grace Academy took part in the challenge run by the UK Mathematics Trust.

More than 200,000 students from across the country were involved.

And Year 10 student Drew Harris joined the top six per cent of pupils who achieved a gold award in the competition.

Hoping

She said: "I felt happy and really proud, especially as I was the only student to get a gold award from Grace Academy."

"The most challenging part was the last five questions as they really tested my maths skills."

"Next year I am hoping to improve my score and do even better."

Nikki Lord, maths teacher at the academy, said: "I am really proud of them. Entering students in a national competition and having them come out as some of the best across the



Drew Harris - proud of her achievement

whole of the UK, not just locally, is really great.

"For Drew, this shows just how intelligent she is and how much potential she has got."

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Sixth form students play a vital role in the school community and are involved in most events held during and after school, where they engage with the younger students, parents and teachers alike.



St Francis' head boy and girl, and their deputies



Former students celebrating Aspirations Day at the college



Creativity is an important aspect of learning

Students are expected to be role models inside and outside of school, and evidence of this can be witnessed in the dedication the head boy, head girl, senior prefects and subject ambassadors show.

The Catholic ethos is the heart of the school and morals and beliefs shape the community. This creates an environment where everybody is seen as an individual and is important.

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TUESDAY

Back to You and Me, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A doctor returns home after many years for a school reunion and tries to rebuild her relationship with her estranged mother, whom she has not seen since her father's death. The experience proves both enlightening and surprising, as she discovers her childhood sweetheart is now a widower, and a dark secret is revealed. Drama, starring Lisa Hartman Black, Dale Midkiff and Rue McClanahan. (2005)

WEDNESDAY

Murder on the 13th Floor, Channel 5, 3.20pm
A woman discovers her husband is having an affair with their live-in nanny and plans revenge. The childminder discovers she and the couple's son have been locked in their 13th-floor apartment along with two hitmen hired to kill her. Thriller, starring Tessa Thompson. (2012)



Scent of a Woman, Friday, ITV, 10.35pm

Vicky Cristina Barcelona, Channel 4, 12am
Two Americans on a break in Spain encounter a seductive painter, who invites them to spend time with him at his home in Oviedo. Though the more timid of the pair is initially reluctant, her free-spirited friend persuades her to come along, resulting in a series of romantic encounters and an explosive experience with the artist's ex-wife. Woody Allen's comedy, with Scarlett Johansson and Rebecca Hall. (2008)

THURSDAY

My Neighbour's Keeper, Channel 5, 3.10pm
Kate works in a home for disadvantaged children and longs for kids of her own, but is unable to conceive. When her best friend is murdered, Kate adopts her two youngsters, but it is not long before those around her question whether she had a hand in their mother's death to gain the family she always wanted. Drama, starring Laura Harring and Linden Ashby. (2007)

FRIDAY

Scent of a Woman, ITV, 10.35pm
A blind, hard-drinking war veteran pays a timid college student to accompany him on a weekend break in the big city, where he plans to make the most of life. However, the youngster is shocked to learn that his new friend plans to kill himself. Comedy drama, starring an Oscar-winning Al Pacino. (1992)

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Pick of the Week

New series will prove to be far from child's play

Praise be – the Reverend Adam Smallbone is back at last. Two years is a long time between sermons – here's hoping TV's best-loved vicar has spent that time away from our screens coming up with inspiring new subjects and honing his delivery.

Let's face it, his parish could use a few more devotees – inner-city London was always going to be a tough gig, and despite his best efforts, Adam hasn't really managed to win over the locals, unless you count unstable Mick, alcoholic lost soul Colin and lovesick Adoha.

They're all back for this third series, which Tom Hollander, who co-created the sitcom with writer James Wood, says was a dream to make.

"I found it very comforting and reassuring and it's very lovely to do something that you have done before which people have enjoyed," he remarks. "There was none of the stress you normally have playing a new part where you go, 'Oh, I wonder if it works if I do this or if I

do that' whereas, because we've done two series there's a relaxation of putting on a, you know, favourite old cardigan or something."

Also back is Olivia Colman. She may have become Britain's premier TV actress since the last run of Rev was aired, thanks to performances in Broadchurch, Flun, Accused and The Thirteenth Tale, but she found time in her hectic diary for this.

"There's something comforting about knowing we're back because people liked it, so we're doing something right," she says. "It's a shame you have to do anything on the first day. It'd be nice if it was a write-off because you're just chatting and catching up. It's lovely."

There's about to be a new addition to the couple's lives when we meet him again – Alex gives birth to their long-awaited first child, a girl, in dramatic circumstances.

"The baby belongs to the Parish suddenly," explains Colman. "So, everyone who is knocking on the door anyway is now also knocking

on the door to look after the baby, which is very irritating to Alex."

There's also little time for paternity leave, because Adam's parish duties continue to weigh heavy on him. In the first episode, he joins forces with an Imam in an attempt to improve the local community, but is left wondering if his new colleague has a hidden agenda.

Also giving poor Adam a headache are the new Area Dean and Diocesan secretary who seem to have big but destructive plans for St Saviour's.

Kayvan Novak, Joanna Scanlan and Vicki Pepperdine guest star as the newcomers, and the general consensus of opinion from Hollander and Colman is that they're "brilliant".

Colman perhaps sums up Rev's appeal best when she describes it as: "well-written, beautiful and the people are loveable and flawed. It's got a soft underbelly and a humility which is easy to love."

And long may that continue.



Olivia Colman and Tom Hollander star in Rev, Monday, BBC2, 10pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

The Widower
ITV, 9pm

Watching a drama based on a true story can be an odd experience. Chances are you already know what the outcome is, so where does the tension come from? Thankfully, the screenplay for this three-parter was penned by Bafta-winner Jeff Pope, who's an expert at turning real cases into gripping drama by making viewers wonder how characters will get out of certain situations – or when they're going to be caught. In this second episode, Malcolm Webster is now settled back in Scotland with his second wife Felicity and their son. He's still plotting to murder her, and after his first scheme is thwarted, comes up with a new plan...

My Spiral into Debt Hell
Channel 5, 9pm

It seems everywhere you turn these days a payday loan company is trying to flog you their services with another gimmicky advert. However, after watching this powerful documentary, even if you were slightly tempted before, you'll think again. Household debt is at record levels and this programme meets people who have suffered financial disaster – and it makes for shocking viewing. Among them is Debra from County Durham who thought it would be simple enough to borrow £500 for a computer – the reality was that her loan would turn into a 10-year nightmare and end up costing her £88,000 as well as her home. Plus, a city boy who's paying the price for his lavish lifestyle, and a man who blames his bank for his £42,000 debt.

TUESDAY

The Missing
Channel 4, 10pm

It's a frightening statistic, but every two minutes, someone in Britain goes missing. Fortunately, the majority are found again within 48 hours, but 2,000 a year simply vanish, leaving a host of unanswered questions behind. This moving documentary meets three families who have had to deal with the disappearance of a loved one – a brother, a husband, and a mother. In all three cases, it was completely out-of-character for the missing person to have simply left without contacting anyone, and the police are as baffled as everyone else. The programme finds that the friends and relatives often feel as if they are in limbo, while some have gone to extraordinary lengths to try to bring the missing person home again.

WEDNESDAY

BIG Star's Little Star
ITV, 8pm

Don't ever work with children or animals – that's the golden rule in telly, they say, as no-one likes unpredictability. But the leading lights behind this superb series understand that actually, it's the little ones who make the best television – because of their

unpredictability. For the producers behind this game show, the youth are comedy gold, as Stephen Mulhern grills them about their celebrity parents and hopes they will spill their deepest secrets. First up, are sporting stars (and they are good sports for putting themselves through this) 2003 Rugby World Cup winner Ben Cohen, 2000 Olympic champion in the heptathlon Denise Lewis and footballer Neil 'Razor' Ruddock. A few laughs at the celebs' expense all in the name of charity never hurt anyone...

MasterChef
BBC1, 9pm

For those of us who struggle to recognise one end of a spatula from the other, the Beeb's signature culinary effort has kept us entertained for years. But now that MasterChef has hit its tenth series, we're left with little choice but to sit up and learn a thing or two, as John Torode and Gregg Wallace return with a new batch of amateur cooks keen to prove their worth. The first six hopefuls take on a new challenge as they prepare their Calling Card, a dish which showcases their talent. But the group are soon whittled down, and the decision lies with John and Gregg as to who will reach the quarter-final.



Masterchef, Wednesday, BBC1, 9pm

THURSDAY

Salting the Battlefield
BBC2, 9pm

Ooh, BBC2, you're spoiling us! Last week viewers were treated to Turks & Caicos, the eagerly awaited second part of David Hare's trilogy of dramas about British agent Johnny Worricker. Hats off to the casting genius who teamed up Bill Nighy and Christopher Walken for that one. Now here's the final instalment of Worricker's story although, disappointingly, it's minus the wonderful Walken. This time, Worricker and Margaret Tyrrell are on the run across Europe, with M15 snapping at their heels. Neither of them had expected life in exile to be so difficult, so Worricker makes a decision that will change his life forever – it's time to confront the all-powerful Prime Minister, Alec Beasley. Only one man can win their battle of wits – but which one?

FRIDAY

A Very British Renaissance
BBC2, 9.30pm

If the latest edition of this documentary is anything to go by, Elizabethan England was an exciting place to be. The country had cut its ties with Catholic Europe, and was now fervently Protestant – at least on the surface. Poets were writing in codes, while art and architecture conveyed secret meanings via mysterious symbols. Dazzling works were also created by Elizabethans who suddenly felt confident thanks to their nation's standing in the world. Among the treasures showcased here by presenter James Fox are exquisite miniatures painted by Nicholas Hilliard, and the earliest surviving example of a globe, created by Emery Molyneux.

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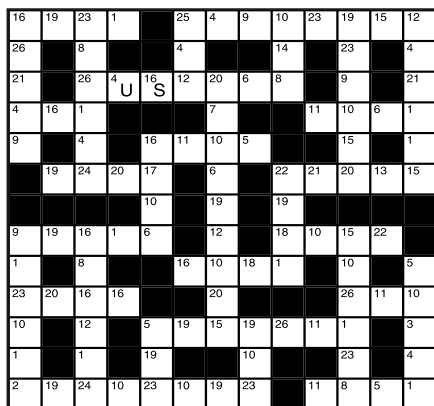
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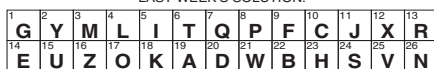
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

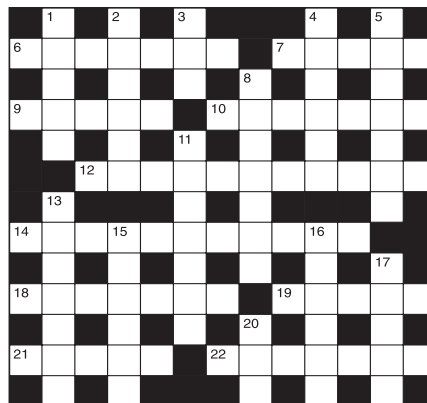
Cryptic Clues:

Across

6. He decides to make a rarebit (7)
7. Soft melodies for couples (5)
9. Appears to make sound joints (5)
10. He's nice and foreign (7)
12. Intelligence in the making (11)
14. It won't keep you fully occupied (4,3)
18. One needs a couple of rings to get this number (7)
19. Turner writes articles in French and English (5)
21. Separate verse form (5)
22. His initial confusion was amusing (7)

Down

1. In a small way you'll find me prepared to fight (5)
2. He may fly from Marian (6)
3. Carve a name, we hear (3)
4. Edible wood? (6)
5. Don't stop, although a person's upset (5,2)
8. My niche, a cleft in a cliff? (7)
11. A fir-cone, perhaps, seen in the wood (7)
13. Greetings that affect us least (7)
15. I tried a more orderly arrangement (6)
16. A speaker who is skilled at splitting alternatives (6)
17. What he does is appropriate (5)
20. Fit for a little physical training (3)



Quick Clues:

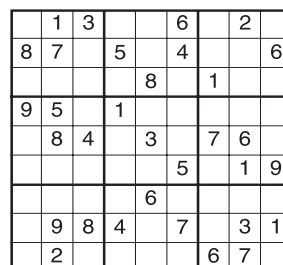
Across

6. Watery (7)
7. Narrative (5)
9. Devoutness (5)
10. Advent (7)
12. Incitement (11)
14. Disbelief (11)
18. Cleanness (7)
19. Amusing (5)
21. Confuse (5)
22. Aid (7)

Down

1. Fit out (5)
2. Improved (6)
3. Owing (3)
4. Rigorous (6)
5. Producer (7)
8. Small thorn (7)
11. Greed (7)
13. Contain (7)
15. Seldom (6)
16. Three times (6)
17. Mock (5)
20. Shed (3)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

7	6	3	1	9	8	2	5	4
4	9	2	3	6	5	1	7	8
8	5	1	2	4	7	6	3	9
5	4	8	9	7	6	3	2	1
9	1	6	5	3	2	8	4	7
3	2	7	4	8	1	5	9	6
1	3	9	8	2	4	7	6	5
6	8	4	7	5	3	9	1	2
2	7	5	8	1	9	4	6	3

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Detonation; 7 Aroma; 8 Toddler; 10 Long shot; 11 Harp; 13 Recipe; 15 Damsel; 17 Aces; 18 Reserved; 21 Earnest; 22 Dense; 23 By and large. Down: 1 Drown; 2 Transept; 3 Notion; 4 To-do; 5 Orleans; 6 Tailor made; 9 Rope ladder; 12 Lavender; 14 Clearly; 16 Dental; 19 Venue; 20 Lean. QUICK - Across: 1 Particular; 7 Aired; 8 Special; 10 Dismayed; 11 Ring; 13 Employ; 15 Street; 17 Drop; 18 Well-do; 21 Diploma; 22 Avers; 23 Prospectus. Down: 1 Parts; 2 Radiator; 3 Instep; 4 Used; 5 Asinine; 6 Hard-headed; 9 Lighthouse; 12 Stalwart; 14 Prosper; 16 Relate; 19 Omens; 20 Toss.



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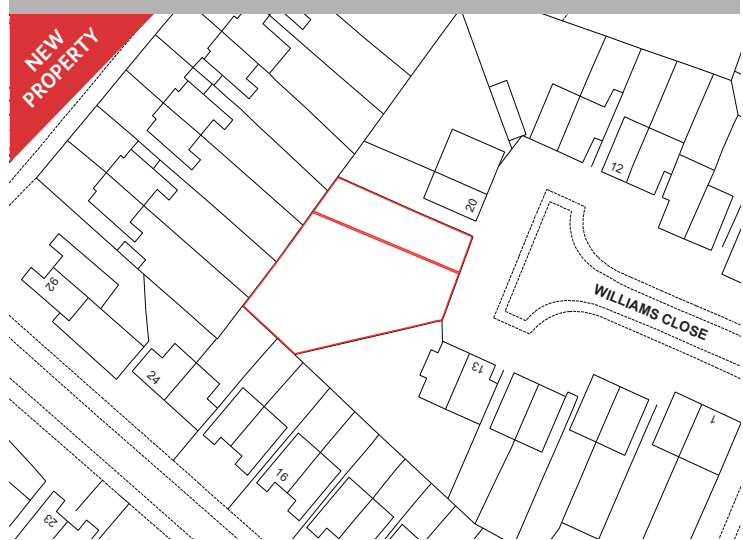
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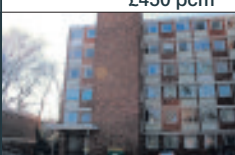
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Wharfedale Street Wednesbury <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Extended 3 Bedroom Semi (with Useable Loft Space) • Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as spec.) • Storm Porch & Reception Hall OFFERS AROUND: £165,000 Viewing:	Watson Road Wednesbury <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surprisingly Spacious 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home • Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing • In Need of Modernisation OFFERS AROUND: £79,950 Viewing:	Whitgreave Street West Bromwich <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extended semi detached • upvc double glazing - gas central heating • no upward chain • epc C, reception hall OFFERS AROUND: £85,000 Viewing:	Barney Close Tipton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modern Detached • Gas central heating - no upward chain • Sought after cul de sac location • Rear Garden, Porch and reception hall OFFERS AROUND: £179,950 Viewing:	Jean Drive Tipton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modern semi detached • Upvc double glazing - gas central heating • Sought after location • Epc rating, Reception hall OFFERS AROUND: £108,000 Viewing:	David Road Tipton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semi Detached • Corner Position • In need of attention • epc, porch - aception hall OFFERS AROUND: £79,950 Viewing:
Burns Road Wednesbury <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Spacious 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home • Conveniently Located for Nearby Towns • UPVC Windows (where spec.) • EPC Rating: 40, Reception Hall & Guest WC OFFERS AROUND: £107,950 Viewing:	Memorial Close Willenhall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Bedroom Modern Semi Detached House • Lounge • Kitchen • Conservatory OFFERS AROUND: £105,000 Viewing:	Bishop Close Dudley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terrace • Upvc double glazing - gas central heating • No upward chain • Epc rating D, Reception hall - guest cloakroom OFFERS AROUND: £67,500 Viewing:	Birch Crescent Oldbury <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • traditional semi detached • extended to rear • upvc double glazing • Epc rating G, reception hall OFFERS AROUND: £90,000 Viewing:	Salisbury Road West Bromwich <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional Terrace Property • Three Reception Rooms • Upstairs Bathroom • Energy Rating E, Garage To Rear OFFERS AROUND: £99,950 Viewing:	Griffiths Road West Bromwich <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid Terrace Property • Three Bedrooms & First Floor Bathroom • Through Lounge Incorporating Dining Area • Kitchen & Utility Area OFFERS AROUND: £90,000 Viewing:
Yale Road Willenhall <p>AWAITING PIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modern 2 Bedroom House • Downstairs wc • Lounge • Breakfast Kitchen OFFERS AROUND: £125,000 Viewing:	Charlemont Road West Bromwich <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four Bedroom Detached • Two Garages To Side • Spacious Rear Garden • Energy Rating TBC, Double Glazed Conservatory OFFERS AROUND: £299,950 Viewing:	Hawkswell Drive Willenhall <p>AWAITING PIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Bedroom Semi Detached House • Lounge • Breakfast Kitchen • Utility OFFERS AROUND: £125,000 Viewing:	Bird End West Bromwich <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sought After Location • Three Bedroom Detached • Lounge And Dining Room • Energy Rating TBC, Double Glazed Conservatory OFFERS AROUND: £265,000 Viewing:	Pimpnel Drive Walsall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Bedroom House • Lounge & Kitchen • First Floor Bathroom • Double Glazing & Parking OFFERS AROUND: £76,950 Viewing:	Davy Road Walsall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End Terrace Property • Three Bedrooms • Lounge & Sitting Room • Internal Inspection Essential, Kitchen With Break OFFERS AROUND: £95,000 Viewing:
Orchard Road Willenhall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Bedroom Modern House • Lounge • Kitchen • Sunroom OFFERS AROUND: £100,000 Viewing:	Harrison Street Walsall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double Fronted Semi Detached Property • Three Bedrooms & First Floor Shower Room • Two Large Reception Rooms • No Chain - Viewing Essential, Breakfast Kitchen & Sun Room OFFERS AROUND: £139,950 Viewing:	Brockhurst Crescent Walsall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75% Shared Ownership Apartment For The Over 55s • 24/7 Concierge Service & Assistance • On Site Restaurant, Living Spaces & Beauty Salon • Housing 21 Development, Secure Gardens With Visitor Parking OFFERS AROUND: £104,950 Viewing:	Beeches Road Walsall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recently Renovated Semi Detached Property • Three Bedrooms & Refitted Bathroom • Lounge & Dining Room • Corner Position With Fore & Rear Garden, Contemporary Style Refitted Kitchen OFFERS AROUND: £130,000 Viewing:	Wood Common Grange Walsall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four Bedroom Detached Family Home • Through Lounge & Conservatory • Cottage Style Breakfast Kitchen • Off Road Parking & Garage, Utility Room & Guest Cloakroom OFFERS AROUND: £245,000 Viewing:	Water Reed Grove Walsall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contemporary Style End Town House • Two Double Bedrooms • Lounge Incorporating Dining Area • Enclosed Rear Garden, First Floor Bathroom OFFERS AROUND: £124,950 Viewing:
Little Island Drive Willenhall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 bedroom town house • lounge • kitchen/diner • bathroom OFFERS AROUND: £139,950 Viewing:	Hillary Street Walsall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid Terrace Property • Two Double Bedrooms • Further Double Bedroom / Loft Room • Two Reception Rooms OFFERS AROUND: £115,000 Viewing:	The Crescent Walsall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional Detached Residence • Three/Four Bedrooms • Lounge & Sitting / Dining Room • Fore & Rear Garden, Breakfast Kitchen & Sun OFFERS AROUND: £320,000 Viewing:	Primley Avenue Walsall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extended End Terrace Property • Four Bedrooms & Loft Room • Through Lounge Incorporating Dining Area • Off Road Parking & Rear Garden, Sitting Room & Utility Room OFFERS AROUND: £150,000 Viewing:	Pommel Close Walsall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extended Semi Detached Property • Three Bedrooms & First Floor Bathroom • L-Shaped Lounge Incorporating Dining Area • Viewing Essential To Appreciate, Contemporary Style Kitchen OFFERS AROUND: £137,500 Viewing:	Ivanhoe Road Birmingham <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three Bedroom Detached Property • Through Lounge & Dining Room • Extended Kitchen • Viewing Essential To Appreciate, First Floor Bathroom OFFERS AROUND: £176,500 Viewing:
Bayliss Close Bilston <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Bedroom Semi Detached House • Lounge • Kitchen/Diner • Bathroom OFFERS AROUND: £93,000 Viewing:	Camborne Road Walsall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top Floor Apartment • One Double Bedroom • Lounge & Kitchen • Bathroom With White Suite OFFERS AROUND: £67,500 Viewing:	Bentley Drive Walsall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semi Detached Property • Three Bedrooms • Two Reception Rooms • Corner Position & No Chain, Kitchen & Utility Room OFFERS AROUND: £139,950 Viewing:	Arundel Street Walsall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid Terrace Property • Four Bedrooms • Three Reception Rooms • Good Sized Accommodation, Spacious Kitchen OFFERS AROUND: £149,950 Viewing:	Millers Walk Walsall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exceptional Detached Family Residence • Master Bedroom With En-suite Shower Room • Three Further Bedrooms & Family Bathroom • Spacious Family Accommodation, Two Large Reception Rooms & Study OFFERS AROUND: £264,950 Viewing:	Millers Walk Walsall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five Bedroom Detached Family Residence • Lounge & Dining Room • Breakfast Kitchen & Utility Room • Well Presented Accommodation, Re-fitted Bathroom & En-suite OFFERS AROUND: £250,000 Viewing:

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• Three Reception Rooms•Kitchen
• Bathroom•Garden•DHSS Accepted

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**Walsall
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• Lounge•Fitted Kitchen/Diner
• Family Bathroom•Sorry No DHSS
• Front and Rear Gardens

£525 PCM



**Bloxwich
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 - Lounge•Diner•Kitchen
 - Bathroom•D.Glazed
 - Gas Heating•Gardens•DHSS
- Accepted

£500 PCM



**Bloxwich
ASTBURY CLOSE**
• Two Bedroom Terrace
• One Reception room
• Kitchen•Bathroom
• Gas Central Heating•Double Glazing

£500 PCM



**Willenhall
LUCKNOW ROAD**
• Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
• Lounge•Kitchen•Bathroom
• D.Glazing & Central Heating•Gardens
• Sorry No DHSS, Pets or Smokers

£495 PCM



**Walsall
DARTMOUTH CLOSE**
• THREE BED TERRACE
• D.Glazing•Lounge•Dining Room
• Kitchen•Family Bathroom
• Gardens•DHSS Accepted

£495 PCM



**Bloxwich
SHREWSBURY CLOSE**
• Three Bedroom Terrace
• Lounge•Dining Room
• Kitchen•Family Bathroom
• Front & Rear Gardens

£475 PCM



**Walsall
LORD STREET**
• Three Bedroom Semi Detached
• Lounge•Dining Room
• Kitchen•Family Bathroom
• Gardens•DHSS ACCEPTED

£475 PCM



**Walsall
SCHOOL LOFTS**
• Three Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment
• Fitted Kitchen•Shower Room
• Open Plan Lounge•Entrance Hallway
• Double Glazing•Security Entrance

£475 PCM



**Walsall
TELFORD ROAD**
• Three Bed Terraced
• Double Glazing•Gas Central Heating
• Lounge•Kitchen/Diner•Side Passage
• Utility•Family Bathroom•Front and Rear

£475 PCM



**Walsall
SCHOOL LOFTS, CECIL STREET**
• Two Bedroom Flats
• Integrated Kitchen•Lounge/Kitchen
• Shower Room•Off Road Parking
• Intercom Access•Electric Heating

From £460 PCM



**Walker Road
GUILD COURT**
• Two Bedroom Apartments
• Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
• Bathroom•Gas Central Heating
• Double Glazing•Allocated Parking

£450 PCM



**Walsall
APPLEDORE ROAD**

- Two Bedroom First Floor Flat
- C.Heating & D.Glazing
- Parking to Rear•Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen•Bathroom
- Sorry No DHSS or Pets

£450 PCM



**Walsall
BASALT CLOSE**
• Two Bedroom End of Terraced
• Lounge and Fitted Kitchen
• Bathroom with Shower fitted over bath
• ORP•D.Glazing and Electric Heating

£450 PCM



**Walsall
WENLOCK GARDENS**
• Three Bedroom terraced property
• Lounge•Dining Room
• Bathroom•Front and Rear Gardens
• DHSS Accepted

£450



**Bloxwich
MILLFIELD AVENUE**
• TWO BEDROOM First Floor Flat
• Gas Central Heating•D.Glazing
• Lounge with feature fireplace
• Fitted Kitchen•Bathroom•DHSS

£450 PCM



**Bloxwich
CHANTRY AVENUE**
• Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
• Double Glazing and Gas Central Heating
• Lounge•Kitchen•Family Bathroom
• Front and Rear Gardens

£450 PCM



**Walsall
THORNBURY ROAD**
• One & Two Bed Apartments
• Lounge•Fitted kitchen
• Bathroom•Electric Heating
• Double Glazing•Parking•Sorry No DHSS

From £440 PCM



**Bloxwich
SIGNAL GROVE**
• Two Bedroom Flat
• Lounge•Kitchen•Bathroom
• Heating•Communal Grounds
• Allocated Parking

£425 PCM



**Walsall
PRINCE STREET**
• Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
• Through Lounge/Diner
• Kitchen•Family Bathroom
• Rear Garden•Gas Central Heating

£425 PCM



**Walsall
LEWIS STREET**
• Two Bedroom Terrace
• Two Reception Rooms
• Bathroom•Double Glazing
• Central Heating•Rear Garden

£400 PCM



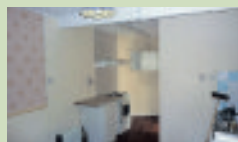
**Walsall
BLACKTHORNE ROAD**
• Three Bed Semi
• Lounge•Kitchen•Bathroom
• Part Gas Heated•D.Glazing
• ORP•Gardens•Sorry No DHSS

£400 PCM



**Walsall
BLOXWICH ROAD**
• One & Two Bedroom Flats
• Lounge•Kitchen•Parking
• Gas Central Heating
• DHSS Accepted

From £380 PCM



**Bloxwich
THE EXCHANGE**
• First Floor One Bedroom Flat
• Above Retail Premises
• Lounge•Kitchen•Shower Room
• Separate W.C.•DHSS Accepted

£375 PCM



**Bloxwich
HARRISON STREET**
• TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT
• double glazing & gas central heating
• Lounge•Kitchen
• Bathroom•DHSS Accepted

£375 PCM



**Bloxwich
HARRISON STREET**
• Two Bedroom Flat
• Lounge•Fitted Kitchen
• Double Glazing•Electric heating
• DHSS Accepted

£350 PCM



**Walsall
MOAT ROAD**
• Two Bed Flat above retail premises
• Lounge•Kitchen
• Shower Room
• DHSS Accepted

£350 PCM



**Bloxwich
BARRACKS LANE**
• One Bedroom Flat
• Lounge•Kitchen•Bathroom
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**SOLD
STC**

**Webster Road
WALSALL**

- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Large Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Double Glazing
- Gas Heating

In the Region of £70,000



**SOLD
STC**

**Broad Lane
BLOXWICH**

- Two Bedroom End-Terrace
- Porch/Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Ground Floor
- Floor Bathroom
- Loft Room/Large Rear Garden
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating (Where)

In the Region of £80,000



**SOLD
STC**

**Blakenall Lane
BLOXWICH**

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Potential to Extend/Lounge/NO CHAIN
- Kitchen/Downstairs W.C./Parking
- Shower Room/Front & Rear Gardens

In the Region of £85,000



**SOLD
STC**

**Bloxwich Road
BLOXWICH**

- THREE BEDROOM MID-TERRACE
- Double Glazing (Where Specified)
- Entrance Vestibule
- Two Reception Rooms
- Rear lobby/Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens

£95,000



**SOLD
STC**

**Cresswell Crescent
BLOXWICH**

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Extended Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Study
- Bathroom
- Separate W.C.
- D.Glazing & Gas C.Heating
- Front Driveway with Off Road Parking

In the Region of £99,950



**SOLD
STC**

**Squires Grove
WILLENHALL**

- Two Bedroom Coach House Apartment
- Large Lounge/Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Kitchen/Converted Garage
- Allocated Parking/D.Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

In the Region of £99,995



**SOLD
STC**

**Raymond Close
WALSALL**

- Three Bed Semi-Detached
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Separate W.C.
- Garage
- Driveway

In the Region of £110,000



**SOLD
STC**

**Stanley Street
BLOXWICH**

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Majority Double Glazing/Gas Heating
- Lounge/Kitchen/Chain
- Diner/Conservatory
- Downstairs W.C./Family Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- No Upward Chain

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**Matlock Close
BLOXWICH**

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- part D.Glazing and Gas Central Heating
- Dining Room/Inner lobby/Kitchen

In the Region Of £109,950



**SOLD
STC**

**Torridon Road
WILLENHALL**

- Two Bedroom Bungalow
- Lounge with Patio Doors to Rear Garden
- Kitchen/Wet Room with Shower
- Enclosed Rear Garden/Off Road Parking
- Double Glazing/Gas Central Heating

In Excess of £110,000



**SOLD
STC**

**Red River Road
WALSALL**

- THREE BEDSEMI-DETACHED
- Ample Off Road Parking
- Conservatory
- Fitted Kitchen
- Cloakroom W.C.
- Lounge/Dining Room
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Family Bathroom
- Off Road Parking

In the Region Of £127,950



**SOLD
STC**

**Naunton Road
WALSALL**

- Extended Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Extended Fully Equipped Kitchen
- Family Bathroom/Front & Rear Gardens
- Integral Garage & Off Road Parking

In the Region of £134,950



**SOLD
STC**

**Ravenscroft Road
WILLENHALL**

- REDUCED
- Extended Five/Six Bedroom End-Terrace
- Lounge
- Sitting/Dining Room
- Extended Breakfast Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Driveway
- Large Corner Plot Rear Garden
- D.Glazing

Offers in excess of £142,500



**SOLD
STC**

**Newhome Way
BLOXWICH**

- Four Bedroom Town House
- Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Master Bedroom with Walk-In Wardrobe
- En-Suite Bathroom
- Family Bathroom
- Conservatory
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage with Off Road Parking

In the Region of £145,000



**SOLD
STC**

**Bernard Street
WALSALL**

- Three Bedroom terrace property
- Part Double Glazing and Gas Central Heating
- Large Entrance Hall/Through Lounge/Extended
- Dining Room

In the Region of £145,000



**SOLD
STC**

**Wolverhampton Road
BLOXWICH**

- Four Bedroom Detached
- Large Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Dining Room
- Rear Lobby/Utility
- Family Bathroom
- Gardens
- Integral Garage & Driveway

Offers in excess of £149,950



**SOLD
STC**

**Grazewood Close
WILLENHALL**

- THREE BEDROOM DETACHED
- D.Glazing/Gas Heating
- Garage/Off Road Parking
- Lounge/Kitchen/Diner/Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens

In the Region of £149,950



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**CRAB LANE
WILLENHALL**

- Exceptional Traditional Detached
- Premier Road
- Reception Hall
- Drawing Room
- Superb Conservatory
- Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility Room
- 3 Bedrooms
- Loft room/ bedroom 4
- Luxury bathroom
- En-suite to Master Bedroom
- Garage and large driveway
- Extensive rear garden

£364,950

EPC: D

NEW DEVELOPMENT



**POOLES LANE
SHORT HEATH**

- Brand New Detached
- Hall with Guests WC
- Lounge/dining room
- Conservatory
- Breakfast kitchen
- Four Good Size Bedrooms
- Bathroom & En-suite
- Gas Central Heating
- Double glazing
- Garage
- Drive
- Rear Gardens

£199,950

EPC TBC

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK



**MYRTLE CLOSE
WOODLANDS**

- Modern Style Semi Detached
- Much Improved
- Very popular location
- Through lounge
- Dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Driveway and Garage
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing

OFFERS OVER £135,000

REDUCED

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**CANNOCK ROAD
WILLENHALL**

- Extended Traditional Detached
- Five Double Bedrooms
- Reception Hall with Guests WC
- Three Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen & Utility
- Luxury Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Double Glazing & GCH
- Delightful Rear Gardens
- Large Driveway

£325,000

EPC D



**CUMBERLAND ROAD
WILLENHALL**

- Well Appointed Modern Detached
- Four Bedrooms • Bathroom
- En-suite Shower Room
- Lounge • Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Ground Floor WC
- Gas CH • Double Glaz
- Garage • Driveway
- Rear Gardens

£200,000

EPC: C



**SNEYD LANE
ESSINGTON**

- Attractive Extended Semi Detached
- Premier Road and Location
- Four Bedrooms
- Extended Lounge • Conservatory
- Dining Room • Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility & WC
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Large Block Paved Driveway
- Delightful Landscaped Rear Gardens

£250,000

EPC: C



**YALE ROAD
WILLENHALL**

- Superb Modern Detached
- Spacious Lounge, Dining Area
- Sitting Room/Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms • Bathroom
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating System
- Rear Gardens
- Driveway to the Fore

£169,000

EPC C



**BEWLEY ROAD
WILLENHALL**

- Impressive Link Detached Property
- Energy rating TBC
- Spacious Lounge • Dining Kitchen
- Utility/WC • Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Garage • Driveway
- Rear Gardens

£164,950

EPC: E



**ADA WRIGHTON CLOSE
WILLENHALL**

- Superb Link Detached Property
- Popular Cul De Sac Location
- Spacious Lounge • Dining Room
- Conservatory • Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating System
- Double Glazing
- Garage • Driveway
- Rear Gardens

£159,995

EPC D



**COTSWOLD GROVE
COPPICE FARM**

- Improved Extended Semi Detached
- No Chain
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Breakfast Kitchen • Utility
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom • En-Suite
- Driveway • Gardens
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing

£159,950

EPC D



**HUNTS LANE
SHORT HEATH**

- Traditional semi detached bungalow
- Deceptively spacious
- Generous lounge
- Well equipped re-fitted kitchen
- Superb conservatory
- Superb re-fitted luxury bathroom
- Two bedrooms
- Superb re-fitted luxury bathroom
- Driveway • Rear gardens
- Gas central heating system
- Double glazing

£158,000

EPC: TBC



**STONEHOUSE AVENUE
WILLENHALL**

- Modern Style Detached Property
- Impressively Improved
- Popular Cul-De-Sac Location
- Lounge • Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom • Garage
- Front & Rear gardens
- No Chain

£150,000

EPC E



**DURSLEY CLOSE
BENTLEY**

- Modern Style Detached Property
- Impressively Appointed
- No Upward Chain
- Lounge • Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms • Bathroom
- Double Length Garage
- Rear Gardens
- Gas Central Heating
- Majority Double Glazing

£149,995

EPC D



**TRENTHAM AVENUE
WILLENHALL**

- Extended End Terrace Property
- Large Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Driveway
- Excellent Size Rear Gardens

£137,000

EPC E



**BECCLES DRIVE
WILLENHALL**

- Improved Modern Semi Detached
- Very Popular Location
- Lounge with Feature Fireplace
- Dining Kitchen
- Three Good-Size Bedrooms
- Bathroom • En-suite Shower Room
- Driveway
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating System

OFFERS OVER £135,000

EPC C



**BIRCH COPPICE GARDENS
WILLENHALL**

- Modern Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Gas CH/Heating
- UPVC D/Glazing
- Spacious Lounge
- Rear & Side Gardens
- Conservatory
- Laundry Room
- Garage
- Parking

£130,000

EPC E



**HOUGH WAY
ESSINGTON**

- First Floor Apartment
- Impressively Appointed
- Premier Cul-De-Sac Location
- Reception Hall
- Lounge • Fitted Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Allocated Parking Space
- No Chain Available

£114,000

EPC B



**WALKERS FOLD
SHORT HEATH**

- Modern Mid Terrace
- Popular Location
- Lounge with Dining Area
- Fitted Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Rear Gardens

£109,950

EPC C



**ALBION ROAD
WILLENHALL**

- Spacious Period Mid
- Convenient Location
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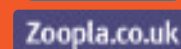
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- Spacious Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- First Floor Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Rear Gardens

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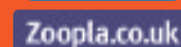
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Mercedes - It's a class act

By Andy Enright

How can it be the car Mercedes-Benz calls its best-selling model has, for so long, felt a bit of an underachiever?

The C-Class ought to have been all the company knows about luxury saloons distilled into a smaller form, but for many years it was instead a car which was short on quality and long on price tag.

The 2007 model repaired much of its reputation and the subsequent 2011 facelift brought even more features and better efficiency, but in this country, the C-Class always lagged a distant third in the compact executive sales charts.

Much has changed in the interim though. The introduction of a smaller four-door saloon, the CLA, has allowed the C-Class to become a bit bigger and a good deal more luxurious. The latest

car is a fresh design from the ground up and it shows.

The diesel engines include a 2.1-litre C220 BlueTEC unit good for 170PS, plus you can talk to your dealer about feebler C200 BlueTEC and pokier C250 BlueTEC offerings. Petrol-wise, there's a 184PS C200 unit.

The C300 BlueTEC HYBRID combines a four-cylinder 204PS diesel engine with a compact 27PS electric motor and looks interesting, as does the prospect of a plug-in hybrid model. In the here and now, there's a choice of two six-speed manual transmissions or an improved version of the 7G-TRONIC automatic gearbox. The electromechanical Direct Steer system is also fitted as standard.

Looking at the exterior of this C-Class, you'd be forgiven for thinking this was the most conservative of styling directions. It's tidily executed, with hints of the latest S-Class in its detailing. The long bonnet, a passenger com-



partment set well back and short overhangs define the C-Class's classic proportions. Large wheels emphasise the rear and communicate a stylishly sporty character.

In automatic vehicles, a large one-piece centre console panel performs an elegant sweep from the centre air vents to the armrest. On vehicles with manual transmission, the centre console is slightly steeper and features two separate trim elements in order to create ample space for ergonomic operation of the shift lever.

Prices for the C200 petrol start at around £27,000, while for a C200 BlueTEC diesel, you'll pay from around £29,500. To gain an insight

into quite how deep the thought process behind the new C-Class is, consider this. The air conditioning system talks to the car's satellite navigation system. When you enter a tunnel, rather than start sucking diesel fumes into the cabin from that labouring arctic, the car knows it's entering a tunnel and automatically switches the air conditioning to recirculate, bringing in fresh air only when you've emerged again.

That's smart. As indeed is the Collision Prevention Assist Plus system. When a danger of collision persists and the driver fails to respond, the system is able to carry out autonomous braking at speeds of up to 125mph, thereby

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It doesn't take long to see how Mercedes has forged ahead with efficiency. Where the last C220 diesel emitted 117g/km of carbon dioxide, the latest model trims that down to just 103g/km, with fuel economy improving from 64.2mpg to 70.6mpg. Even the entry-level petrol model, the C180, gets numbers that not so long ago would have been very respectable indeed for a diesel car in this sector:



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Kia refreshes best budget 4x4 - popular Kia Sportage

It's easy to believe for a moment that the market for compact SUVs hasn't changed all that much in the last ten years, but it's now radically different and the biggest beneficiary of these changes have been Kia, and more specifically its Sportage. That car's been fettled and refreshed now and still looks the best budget 4x4 not a whole lot of money can buy.

As before, you get a choice of four powerplants. There are 1.7 or 2.0-litre common-rail diesels with 113 and 134bhp respectively - or 1.6 and 2.0-litre petrols packing 138 and 161bhp.

Performance is similar with the 2.0-litre units as both manage the 0-62mph trial in under 11s with the manual gearbox installed. The entry level cars have front wheel-drive, with upper spec models getting all-wheel traction.

The Sportage uses a part-time all-wheel-drive system which sends 100 per cent of power to the front wheels unless slippage is detected and it's automatically diverted to the rear. There's a Lock Mode for off-road driving which splits the available power 50/50 between the front and rear wheels, but it only operates below 25mph. All Sportage models have Hillstart Assist Control to help with uphill getaways and Downhill Brake Control to provide reassurance on steep descents.

The latest car features Kia's Flex Steer system on selected models. This allows the driver to choose between three different levels of power assistance according to preference and where the car is being driven. 'Comfort' mode provides increased help for parking or manoeuvring in tight areas, for example, while 'Sport' lessens the assistance for increased feel and stability at higher speeds. There is also a 'Normal' setting. In addition to this, the windscreen glass has been modified to reduce the amount of noise entering the cabin.

Otherwise, it's still as practical as ever. It just feels a little better built. The generous dimensions of the Sportage are carried over. There's a substantial boot measuring in at 564-litres when the rear seats are occupied - or 1,353-litres when they're folded down. Storage space inside the Sportage includes a six-litre centre console bin, large door pockets and a glovebox that's air-conditioned on some models.

Variants

Prices kick off at around £17,500, which keeps things real and Kia has done a spot of tinkering with the mix of the model line-up. Two additional variants at the top and bottom have been added to the team sheet to further broaden the appeal to customers - an all-wheel drive 2.0 CRDi at entry level and the 1.7 CRDi turbodiesel is now an option on the top spec two-wheel drive model. The 1.6-litre direct-injection petrol unit and 1.7-litre turbodiesel made their debuts in the Sportage and remain the mainstays of the range in the UK.

Equipment levels have also been subtly boosted across the range.

The best-performing Sportage from an economy and emissions perspective is the front-wheel drive 1.7 CRDi diesel which manages 54.3mpg and 135g/km. That's pretty good going. Should you choose petrol power, the 1.6 GDI powerplant returns a combined fuel figure of 44.1mpg and emissions of 149g/km. Should you want an all-wheel drive 2.0-litre diesel, you're looking at 49.6mpg and 149g/km which is very good.

Beware opting for the automatic version though, as this puts a bit of a dent into the efficiency metrics at 40.9mpg and 179g/km.

Like the rest of the Kia range, the Sportage is sold with the excellent seven-year or 100,000-mile warranty. It is fully transferable should the car be sold before the time or mileage limits have been reached. Fixed cost servicing also brings additional peace of mind via the Kia Care-3 and Care-3 Plus servicing package, offering retail customers inflation-proof servicing for the first three or five years. Again, all packages cover the car, not the owner, so are transferable should the vehicle be sold.



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This family run-around is certain to create waves

By John Griffiths

If you want to go back to the future, you don't need an eccentric scientist and a nuclear-powered silver sports car.

You can do it for an awful lot less thanks to a car maker which has taken a bold new look at the market, expectations and the concept of value for money.

It hasn't exactly arrived in a flash of blinding light but this manufacturer's latest offering is something of a revelation. The Dacia Logan is a mid-sized family estate (although for cargo capacity it's not far behind big hitters like the Volvo V70) which is cheap to run, practical but costs half as much as some of its rivals. Dacia calls it an MCV, or maximum capacity vehicle, but in most other fleets its streamlined appearance would earn it a 'sports tourer' tag.

I drove the mid-range Ambiance model, with a 90bhp petrol engine capable of over 56mpg. It could be described as 'no frills' but hardly basic, with a 573 litre load bay which stretches to an impressive 1,518 with the rear seats folded down.

The price? Wait for it – £8,595 on the road and if you are really counting the pennies you could have an entry level model for £6,995.

It's based on a stretched version of the multi award-winning Duster platform, using proven technology, engineering and in many cases parts (include engines) from the Renault group which owns the Romanian company.

It seems even Renault has been surprised by Dacia's success, as it didn't originally intend to sell the cars in Western Europe where much of the market is dominated by badge-consciousness and the need to embrace all the latest, must have gadgetry. But customer demand, particularly from the hard-pressed private buyer spending their own money, means that Dacia (pronounced Datch-ya) looks set to be the next big name in budget motoring.

Using well-established technology, concentrating on basics, limiting such things as colour choices and accessory packs for ease of manufacture, means they can keep prices down. It doesn't mean you have a car which does any less.

Is this a glimpse of the future, if there are still to be cars which the man in the street can afford to buy new? The £8,595 test car, for example, comes with ABS, emergency brake assist, electronic stability and traction controls, hill start assist, twin airbags, electric front windows, a radio/CD player with Bluetooth, remote central locking and split/fold rear seats.

Capacity

It was powered by Renault's latest TCe petrol engine, which also appears in the new Clio range. Its capacity of just 898cc seems unfeasibly small for a car of this size but with well-spaced gearchanges it will go from a standstill to 62mph in a fairly fleet 11.1 seconds.

You don't notice anything lacking on the open road, either, as this mighty atom's secret is turbocharging. Not only does it have more power than the older, normally aspirated 1,200cc unit it has almost twice the torque which makes for smoother progress with less effort.

Fuel consumption averages 56.5mpg, with a low 116g/km of CO2 emissions. The means no road tax in the first year, and just £30 annually after that.

The Renault Group's proven 1.5dCi turbo diesel, of course, has even more torque, is more economical (65.7mpg) and beats the magic 100g/km of CO2 so it's road tax free.

But, model for model, it's also £1,000 dearer so retail buyers in particular have to do their sums. With your average mileage, and the 10p per litre premium on diesel prices, how long would it take for you to break even?

There's also the question of whether the car's main role is for the school run, transporting the dog and other domestic duties, or whether if you're using it as an alternative to a van when the diesel's extra pulling power might be a better bet.

There's not much to say about the way the Logan drives. For most that isn't a criticism: but just does what it does competently. Steering is light, unless you're really working it hard you're more likely to be listening for wind noise rather than the engine, and the ride is compliant. The sub-£7,000 entry level model, the Access, is basically equipped and doesn't, for example, have such luxuries as electric windows or even a radio. But it still has the full safety pack which is standard across the range, including front and side airbags, ABS, traction and stability controls.

The Ambiance tested is better equipped, while the flagship Laureate adds to its specification with upgraded trim, alloy wheels, cruise control, trip computer and electric door mirrors, electric windows on the back as well and front fog lights and yet still costs under £9,000 for the 1.2 petrol version, or £10,795 with the flagship diesel under the bonnet.

The limited number of options includes an upgraded Sat-Nav/audio pack for Ambiance and Laureate versions.

The Dacia story is similar to that of Skoda's transformation by the VW Group – no-one's laughing at Skoda now.

The Dacia name isn't yet that well known in Britain but that will change if, under Renault's direction, it keeps producing cars like this which are the epitome of commonsense, practicality and value for money.

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Anything is possible, Lalkovic

MILAN LALKOVIC has warned anything can still happen in the play-off race despite Walsall's "weird" form - as he headed back to Slovakia to finish school.

The on-loan Chelsea striker has been allowed back to finish his studies.

And the 21-year-old thought he had given the Saddlers a perfect leaving present when he opened the scoring at Rotherham on Saturday.

But Nicky Adams' deflected 89th minute equaliser for the hosts denied Dean Smith's side victory, extended their winless run to nine games and dropped them nine points behind sixth-placed Peterborough with just nine games to play.

Lalkovic, who will return in time for Saturday's home game with Leyton Orient, admitted the Saddlers' recent lack of fortune has left him bemused.

"It is not working for us at the moment but we must keep going to the end."

Khalsa lead is snatched

Cradley Town 1
Sporting Khalsa 1

AS games go, this was anything but a classic, on a bobbly pitch neither side could take significant control of the first half with chances restricted. The best chance of the half fell to Mark Habbershaw who went clear on goal but his shot was saved by the impressive Cradley keeper Richard Kennedy.

In the second half Khalsa started to get on top of the game with the opening goal through John Cordy in the 75th minute but 10 minutes later Khalsa switched off from a corner and Carl Martin got an equaliser for the home side.

Villa side prove they are a bit special

Villa 1 Chelsea 0

IS it possible that in Jose Mourinho, Lambert's players have actually found someone who finds it more difficult to win at Villa Park than they do?

Whatever the root cause of this footballing upset, everyone at the club should take a moment today to close their eyes, recall its assault on the senses and remember this is what football at Villa Park should be about.

Like a long lost but cherished old friend returning, the stadium was thundering in celebration of an epic and dramatic victory on Saturday evening and when the old place does that it is one of the domestic game's grandest experiences.

Lambert and Co haven't been able to orchestrate too many in their one-and-three-quarter seasons together. Yes, there was the defeat of Manchester City - and isn't

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it peculiar that this season's top two title challengers have now fallen at Villa Park - earlier this season but that was a freak of footballing nature. On Saturday, Villa snared Chelsea good and proper; ran them to a standstill, rattled them into a loss of discipline before spearing the table leaders with a solitary late goal from Fabian Delph, a vibrant and deserving man of the match.

The explosive finale will have now been splashed over every back page and bulletin across the land. Mourinho, who has still to win at Villa Park in five visits, was sent to the stands in the final minute after marching on to the pitch to open peace talks with warring players and a referee struggling to control them. Whether or not this was true

only he will know but the picture of a frazzled and fractious Chelsea was complete. Already Ramires was on his way having been red carded for a studs-raised challenge on Karim El Ahmadi.

Chelsea's ire had been stoked by the 69th-minute sending-off of Willian following a second booking after he briefly tugged at the shoulder of Delph.

In many ways, those were keynote incidents which summed up the game - Chelsea drawn into rash acts of malevolence by the exuberant energy of the opposition.

But as the visitors retreated to deal with the after-shocks of a result they just did not see coming until it was too late to prevent, Villa were left assessing their brightest outlook of the season and, perhaps, for the future beyond.

Most obvious was the nine-point gap es-

tablished between their welcome appearance in the top half of the table and the bottom three. The issue of survival has surely been banished from the 2014 prospectus. But it was the rejoining of fans, manager and team in a display of shared delight which can prove of even greater value to the Lambert project's viability.

In the 14 months since that nightmare with Bradford City, Lambert's authority and the credibility of his team in general, and signings in particular, have been under relentless and critical scrutiny from a disreputable public. At times, it has seemed as if only the beast that is Christian Benteke has kept the barricades intact from the revolution beyond.

But this performance and result has returned to the manager a vote of confidence from his public.

Butlin's goal extends Wood's unbeaten run

Walsall Wood 1 Dunkirk 0

WOOD extended their unbeaten run to 17, making it 41 points out of 51 - Joey Butlin scored the only goal of the game on 18 minutes and the floodgates should have opened, but Wood wasted a host of chances to improve their goal difference.

Wood were in almost complete control from the first whistle, penning the visitors back in their own half but with nothing to show for all their dominance.

Then on 18 minutes Lee Stretton won the ball in the centre before playing a ball out wide left to find Joey Butlin, he took the ball well and cleverly played it back to Lewis Taylor Boyce before racing onto the slide rule return pass to hit a sublime chip over the advancing Jake Want in the visitors goal to open the scoring.

The reply was almost instantaneous, Phil Granville racing clear wide left and crossing a dangerous ball into the box that Stretton put behind for a corner.

Then on 26 minutes Wood carved open the visitors defence, a lovely weighted ball over the top of the defence was collected at pace by Taylor Boyce, he waltzed round the stranded keeper but inexplicably passed the ball to a defender on the line. Wood continued to keep the visitors under pressure for the rest of the half but couldn't score the all important second goal.

Wood started the second half just as much in control, on 46 minutes a right wing corner was half cleared to Taylor Boyce on the right of the box, Want's block deflected the ball wide left

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and Craig Hancox made the byline, his low cross flashed just in front of Butlin almost on the goal line. It was Taylor Boyce 6 minutes later cutting in from the right, Want again blocking the shot which dropped to Hancox, his low drive somehow kept out by a defender on the line.

Wood almost paid for all the missed chances when they gave away a stupid free kick on the left of the box on 56 minutes, Granville's rising drive superbly touched onto the bar by Wood keeper Raj Gill at full stretch. Then 4 minutes later another foul, this time on the right of the box saw Ruben-Jean Desrosiers fire the resultant free kick way over.

On 73 minutes Wood broke out of defence and Hancox raced into the left of the box, Desrosiers making a superbly timed tackle to avert the danger.

A minute later Granville raced onto a ball over the top of the Wood defence, Gill racing from his area to fly kick clear. It was the ever dangerous Granville a minute later, collecting the ball from a long left wing throw, his first time low drive deflected wide by Rikki Bains.

cWood dominated from the start but the visitors goal bore a charmed life helped by woeful finishing.

Shire Oak share the spoils in inseparable final



The squad includes; Harry Buttery, Jake Nuttall, Jack Matthews, Kyle Sheldon, Harry Stretton, James Roberts, Todd Langston, William Fulford, Sam Butcher, Josh Bennett, Tom Shutts, Ethan Callaghan and Jordan Selvey

TWO junior rugby teams were so well matched they couldn't be separated and so had to share the spoils when it came to trophy.

The U-12s rugby team from Shire Oak Academy came out joint winners of the Walsall Cup after a closely fought final with Queen Mary's Grammar School.

After normal time, the score was tied, and golden try was played to avoid a deadlock. However, the defences of both teams could not be broken. Rules state that number of

tries scored dictates a winner, but both teams had the exact same points difference. This meant that there was no other option than to share the cup.

In the tournament, which begins with a round robin, the Year 7 team had already beaten Barr Beacon, Shelfield and St Francis on route to the final. The result in the final, though extremely remarkable, wasn't a surprise due the two teams drawing in the previous round.

Coach and PE teacher, Dominic

Hitchen, said; "I can't congratulate this young squad enough. They have shown determination and perseverance throughout the tournament and they thoroughly deserve to share the title.

"They are a talented young group of players and I look forward to working with them in the next few years," he added.

Also at the academy, the U-17s celebrated winning more rugby silverware as they won the Walsall Cup 7s tournament.

Battlers Wood come away with the spoils

Walsall Wood 3 Causeway United 1

SIX places and 11 points separated the teams at kick-off, but a battling, hard working performance by Wood saw them close the gap to eight points, with four games in hand as they again came from behind, this time winning ugly.

The visitors shot out of the blocks putting Wood under almost constant pressure, but the only effort on goal saw Matty Coton make a comfortable save from a rising drive from Ben Evans on six minutes.

Two minutes later Steven Hayles ball down the Wood left found Lewis Taylor Boyce, who cut inside and set up Harry Harris who hit a rising drive just over.

On 13 minutes Rion Francis-Mills won the ball on halfway and raced into the box, Coton out quickly and bravely to save at

his feet. Taylor Boyce won the ball on the right of the box two minutes later, cleverly turned outside his marker before firing into the side netting.

Causeway once again had a spell of sustained pressure and won a corner on the left on 27 minutes that was hit beyond the far post and Evans saw his first time effort cannon off the bar, before being scrambled behind for another corner. From this one a developed with Francis-Mills forcing the ball home from close range.

The lead lasted just three minutes, from a free kick wide on the left another scramble developed, this time in the away box, Taylor Boyce forcing the ball home, 1-1.

On 34 minutes a ball out of defence was collected at pace by Sam Rock wide left, his ball inside was hit first time by Reece Shil-

lock, Coton making the save look easy.

It was end to end stuff at the start of the second half without either goal being threatened, until on 55 minutes Aaron Lloyd raced onto a ball through the centre, Coton quickly off his line to block the shot which ricocheted back off Lloyd and went wide. It was Lloyd again six minutes later, strong on the left of the box, he turned and fired narrowly wide of the far post.

Substitute Craig Hancox nearly put Wood ahead a minute later, powering his way through 3 tackles to race into the left of the box, his low drive deflecting wide off a defender.

From the corner a quick Causeway counter attack ended with Francis-Mills racing onto a ball on the right of the box before firing high over.

On 79 minutes Hancox again scythed his way into the left of the box and appeared to go down under a challenge, the referee turned down the appeals and to everyone's astonishment booked the Wood player for diving. Wood were now looking the more dangerous and three minutes later won a left wing corner, which was hit to the near post and put behind for another corner. This time Harry Harris delivered the ball to the far post, the ball sailed over everyone and nestled into the far corner of the net to put Wood ahead for the first time. Wood comfortably held the visitors' desperate attacks. Joey Butlin raced into the box before being brought down. He took the spot kick himself and made no mistake, 3-1 to Wood and game over. It wasn't pretty at times but Wood are now 10th.

Lambert focuses on victory not Jose

JUBILANT Paul Lambert played down Jose Mourinho's touchline tantrum after hailing Villa's "mammoth" win over Chelsea.

Lambert's team banished the survival alarm at Villa Park and jolted the Londoners' Premier League title charge with a 1-0 win that had a 40,000 crowd eating out of the palm of their hands.

It was a win which added Chelsea to the conquests of Manchester City and Arsenal in an uneven season not without its problem patches for the Villa boss.

And it ended in dramatic circumstances as both the Villa boss and his opposite number ended up on the pitch, along with a host of substitutes and staff, when tempers boiled over after Chelsea midfielder Ramires was sent-off for a stamp on Karim El Ahmadi.

Mourinho was sent to the stands by referee Chris Foy.

"A lot of it's banter and a lot of fun. As long as it never overflows it's alright," he said. "I know what Jose's doing - he's been around the block. If you go on about decisions it deflects from the performance."

Lambert also saluted the "massive potential" of Fabian Delph.

Lockmen get lamped by Lye side

Lye Town 7 Willenhall 0

A ruthless Lye Town demolished injury-ravaged Willenhall with a first-half seven-goal show, but the Lockmen fought valiantly to keep it level after the break.

On six minutes Matt Johnson's corner was flicked home by an unmarked Stephen Lodge and two minutes later an unmarked Ben Jevons headed home.

James Spray converted a penalty on 16 minutes. Jevons headed home unmarked on 22 minutes before Spray raced away on the right on 25 minutes and lobbed home.

It was six on the half-hour as the ball was diverted in by Spray. Joe Noel and Eddie Wilson both fired wide as the Lockmen tried to take something from the game before Scott Gennard got the seventh on 40 minutes when he raced down the left and rounded Booth before rolling home from a tight angle. The game petered before the final whistle.

Boxer Paddock shows his belt

WALSALL light welterweight, Luke Paddock, showed off his British Bronze Masters Title at Walsall FC's Banks' Stadium last week.

The 22-year-old Bloxwich stopped Gloucester's Andy Harris in the eighth round at Walsall Town Hall on March 1 and after picking up a first belt in just his sixth professional outing, watched Walsall draw 1-1 with Crews last Tuesday and paraded his belt at half-time.

"It was great to go back with the belt," Paddock said. "The Walsall fans were really supportive so it was nice to go back with the belt."

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Hope of play-off spot is still alive

Walsall 30
Market Bosworth 12
WALSALL secured, what was eventually a comfortable victory over a battling Bosworth team in this rearranged league fixture.

The hosts were in the lead after just two minutes thanks to Jack Crowhurst going over near the corner flag. But the visitors came back and were rewarded with a try by prop forward Hanford which Williams converted. But after this Walsall began to dominate with Benson, Dickson and Jones being very conspicuous in attack and defence. Roger Weston gave them the lead by half time with two well-struck penalties.

It was the Walsall centre that opened the scoring after the interval as he cut through the Bosworth defence to finish off another sustained attack. Walsall's bonus point scores came later in the half as No.8 Rod Dickson finished off a powerful forwards try and then full back Chris Mould got the teams fourth. He ran in from 40 metres. Weston converted both to maintain his position as the league's leading points scorer. Indeed, he was unfortunate with the other two conversions. The visitors got a late touch-down but the victory has maintained Walsall's slim hopes of a play-off position.

Keep pushing Saddlers told

DEAN SMITH has urged Walsall to build on Saturday's performance at Rotherham as he targets a strong end to the season.

Despite conceding a late leveller, which stretched their own winless streak to nine games, Smith drew plenty of positives from the 1-1 draw. But he says it is imperative his side now carry on that form into this weekend's home game with Leyton Orient.

"That is what we have to do now at home," he said. "We are two games unbeaten so we have to push on. The tempo was much better from us on Saturday." In the first half Rotherham struggled to know what to do with us when we got the ball.

"Unfortunately with the late equaliser it's the way it's gone for us at the moment but I'm proud of the players".

Obeng's strike gives Pics the double winner

Rushall 1 Chorley 0

RUSHALL OLYMPIC completed a league double over top of the table Chorley in a game that saw the visitors finish with just nine men.

The game was never a classic, with chances few and far between but a goal in the 13th minute from Ahmed Obeng settled the game in the hosts' favour.

The home side made a bright start to the game and on 10 minutes Obeng should have put them in front but shot wildly over the bar from close range.

But just three minutes later he made

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amends when his persistence paid dividends when he fired past Sam Ashton. James Dance then fired a free-kick straight at Ashton but the visitors responded with an Andy Teague header which was straight at Chris Gemmell in the home goal.

The visitors had a let-off moments later when a dangerous cross from Christian Dacres was miskicked by Paul Jarvis but fortunately for the defender it went straight to Ashton.

Chris Almond then set up an opportunity

for Jack Dorney whose shot was just wide and a great run by Almond ended with a low cross safely collected by Gemmell.

Five minutes before the interval the home side should have doubled their lead. Dance's free-kick found the head of Jack Duggan whose point-blank header produced a fine reflex save from Ashton and then Carl Palmer saw his shot blocked.

With half-time approaching the visitors had an opportunity but Keil O'Brien saw his header easily saved by Gemmell.

The visitors opened the second half in determined fashion and Gemmell kept the

hosts in front when he produced a vital save to deny James Dean and as Chorley kept up the pressure Teague headed over. On 57 minutes O'Brien saw red for a reckless challenge on Jimmy Turner and the home side had another opportunity to put the game beyond doubt.

Christian Dacres found Obeng, who in turn fed substitute Josh Craddock only for the midfielder to fire well over. Obeng and Craddock combined well again moments later but Dele Adebola's shot lacked power and failed to trouble Ashton. With time running out the visitors saw two chances lost.

Mel glad Anelka row over

BOSS Pepe Mel believes the end of the Nicolas Anelka saga should benefit Albion's bid for Premier League survival.

The Hawthorns head coach believes the departure of Anelka, who left the club on Friday with the Baggies claiming he was sacked, should remove a potential distraction from his team.

Mel's comments came after news emerged the FA will appeal to FIFA to ensure Anelka does not escape punishment for his 'quenelle' goal celebration by moving countries.

He tweeted on Friday that he had quit Albion, only for the club to claim just hours later that they had sacked the Frenchman for 'gross misconduct' over the gesture at West Ham in December and Friday's tweets.

Mel said: "My relationship with Nicolas Anelka was good and he helped me but I hope now the situation is resolved in the best way possible for all parties."

"The club needs all of its forces and energy to move forward."

"We are professionals and not keeping West Bromwich Albion up would be a failure for everyone."

Contract talks are put on hold

RICHARD STEARMAN'S future will remain in limbo up until Wolves' promotion fate is decided after it emerged all contract talks with senior players have been put on hold.

The former Leicester defender has been in excellent form in recent weeks, helping Wolves to six consecutive clean sheets.

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LAST GASP GOAL DENIES SADDLERS

Rotherham 1 Walsall 1

A MINUTE plus stoppage time, that's how close Walsall were.

That's how close they were to ending their eight game winless streak in the most impressive fashion, by inflicting a first defeat for 11 games on Rotherham.

It's how close they were to maintaining realistic hopes of the play-offs. Dean Smith claims not to be superstitious but even he must have wondered whether one of his players has broken a mirror and not told him, when Nicky Adams' 89th minute shot deflected off Paul Downing, over keeper Richard O'Donnell and went in off the bar.

It cancelled out Milan Lalkovic's superbly crafted 19th minute opener, gave the hosts an equaliser they barely deserved and left the Saddlers still waiting for that elusive win.

Fortune

This rotten run has not been all about bad luck but there's no denying fortune has rarely favoured them these past nine games. Here they were also left to rue the sending off of Ben Purkiss for two needless yellow cards, which saw them play the final 20 minutes with 10 men.

The winless run and some performances – most notably last Tuesday's against Crewe – had begun to raise questions about the true progress of the Saddlers this season.

This display went some way to reasserting their standing as one of League One's brightest young sides

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even if it did not, in the end, provide the win they craved.

After stumbling to a point in midweek, you feared for Smith's men against the in-form Millers, who at kick-off still had hopes of automatic promotion.

But the hosts were kept largely in check by the visitors and barely tested keeper Richard O'Donnell until he was beaten in the most unfortunate manner.

For the Saddlers it was a performance built on solid defence but which featured much more of the precise, up tempo passing which Smith had demanded prior to the game.

Whether Lalkovic is wearing a Walsall shirt next season is open to question. Rotherham toiled for much of the opening half but found Butler and Chambers impossible to pass and when defender Kari Arnason did elude the pair early in the second half he proceeded to head over the bar.

Even reduced to ten the Saddlers looked capable of holding out until Revell finally beat Butler to a long ball. Kieran Agard helped it on and Adams fired in via a wicked deflection.



Walsall's Kieran Agard and team mate Febian Brandy fight it out for the ball against Rotherham

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